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Local offices would get own budgets Furore over Field's plans

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was ac cused yesterday of taking the variations in welfare payments after a senior minister floated plans to give local benefit offices control of their

Frank Fleid, the Social Security Minister who was brought into the Government with a specific task of overhauling the £2 billion a week welfare bill, said that by Social Security Department to the 500 local offices savings from the benefits bill could be

peid to schools and hospitals. Mr Field, one of the Governnext's most radical thinkers, aid that local offices had to be . given autonomy over their budgets. "If it doesn't happen." I don't see how we are going to be able to deliver the sorts of: liver. It's clearly got to be on the agenda. Quite how we do it

is the next stage," he said on Radio 4's The World at One. His remarks, made during a visit to a benefit office in Exeter, were seized on by civil service trade union officials. left-wing Labour MPs and the Opposition as a step towards the abolition of the system of

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The interview caused confusion at the department, which tried to play down his remarks: four hours later he had to issue a statement denying that he was actually proposing regional benefit differentials. Paul Flynn, Labour MP for

universal benefit payments.



for welfare

Field: Remarks played down by officials

Newport West, said the fiasco left question marks against the Government's intentions: "Frank Field was appointed to unthinkable. Now he is saying the unsayable. I think he must be on Planet Zog.

"When the Government annomiced its devolution proleft as a United Kingdom provision. No one believes it can work any other way because of the unfairness of regional vairations." A second leftwinger, Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, described the comments as bizarre.

Jim Hanson, national officer of the Civil and Public Service Union, whose members man benefit offices, was dismayed by the comments. He said that many of his members were already subected to abuse and violence

from claimants. "At the moment, at least we can say that these [benefit]

the staff, they are determined by Parliament. But if they are ermined by the staff in the offices, then we are going to find people wanting to take it out on them if they are not

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As the political row deepened, the department sought to play down the significance of Mr Field's remarks. Senior officials maintained that Mr Field was not referring to autonomy over benefit levels but over other matters such as saving fraud and office costs, which count for barely more than I per cent of the department's £96 billion budget.

Mr Field's statement denied abolition of universal be He said that he had been responding to Exeter benefit office staff who had asked him to look at ways to move funds from welfare to work opportunities. "That does not mean different amounts of benefit in different areas of the country."

Mr Field frequently ran into rouble as an opposition backbencher with a series of radical proposals for the manage ment of local benefit offices. In 1990, he suggested allowing private insurance companies and friendly societies to compete every four years to run government regional social security offices. The idea was then to give the unemployed a "cashpoint card" for them to withdraw their benefits from a hole in the wall. His idea was taken up by the Adam Smith histitute. Yesterday the think tank, which was much favoured by Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s, said any plans to



A pedestrian is soaked by a passing car in Swansea yesterday. Traffic suffered severe disruption and in Somerset a road was washed away

Storms force thousands to end holidays

TORRENTIAL rain across England and Wales caused disruption to traffic and rail services yesterday and persuaded thousands of families to ahandon their summer holidays.

Streams of cars and caravans left West Country resorts and headed home as driving rain continued for a third day, wiping out sporting fixtures and festivals. In some places three inches of rain — more than the average for the whole of

August -- fell in just 24 hours.

The annual two-day flower show in Taunton, Somerset, which last year attracted 25,000 people, was cancelled

for the first time since the First World

Another horticultural show in Landkey, North Devon, was cancelled for the first time in its 31-year history. In Bristol, the rain grounded 30 hot air balloons due to float over the city in

city's balloon festival. The Meteorological Office warned that more thunderstorms were on the way. The South West and low-lying areas were put on flood alert. Experts blamed low pressure off the

the traditional curtain-raiser for the

south-west coast for the downpours which are coming from Europe. Philip Eden of the PA Weather Centre said: The whole of England. Wales and Northern Ireland could see two inches in an hour. If it happens over a town it will produce an awful lot of flooding."

Floods swept away large sections of

the A39 near Cannington in Somerset, a holiday route. Highways officials said it was the first time they had known rain destroy a modern road. Two lanes of the M25 were blocked during rush hour when a rainsodden

chalk embankment collapsed at Junction 8 near Reigate in Surrey. Flooded slip roads added to the chaos.

Firemen in Wales were called to flooded homes and businesses in Pembrokeshire, while in Gloucester basements were swamped.

swimming on a lake in the main arena. few places there could be as much as have been getting more and more atrocious for three days and a lot of holidaymakers have turned tail because of the weather."

A farmer aged 57 found dead in a flooded field in Ballyvaughan. Co Clare, vesterday was believed to have drowned in the floods sweeping the Irish Republic.

A group of about 30 teenagers fleeing floods in Wroclaw and Opole in southern Poland, have been staying in Swansea, "We thought we had seen the last of the horrible weather. Now we feel like it has followed us," said Marta Marcinska, a student.

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Shares break 5.000 barrier

The speck market source over 5,000 to close at 5026-2, up 65.6. Dealers said the rise was caused by a strong set of results from some of Britain's largest companies and by a marked fall in the pound during the day. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell steeply, losing 1,8 points to

CJD warning

A leading British expert on Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Dr John Collinge, has warned of complacency over the chances of a major epidemic Page 2 Dr Stuttaford, page 13

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Boy of five shot dead in 'contract killing' blunder

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By PAUL WILKINSON

A BOY aged five was shot dead last night by a gumman wearing a motor-cycle crash helmet, apparently in a contract killing that went wrong. The boy was shot in the head and his father, believed to be the real target, was shot in the stomach as they walked from their car towards their

home in Bolton. The injured man, who was last night undergoing surgery at Bolton General Infirmary. was said by neighbours to be John Bates. The boy is understood to have been his son

Dylan. Mary Cooper, who saw the attack, said: "A man wearing a motorbike helmet jumped out of a vellow Mini Metro, shot at the man and boy, then ran off down an alley. When I looked round I saw a man in the middle of the street holding a little boy covered in blood. The man was crying hysterically, clinging to the little boy."

She ran across and put the boy in the recovery position. She said he was still clutching a toy and had been shot twice in the back of the head. "He was in a terrible state. I did not realise that the man had been shot. I thought all the blood was coming from the child. It was only a couple of minutes later that I realised the man

had been shot in the stomach.

There was blood every-

where. As soon as the ambulances arrived the paramedics Another witness said: "It was like something out of an American gangster movie. This man with the gun walked up to the two of them. He never hesitated. Then he ran off and took off his crash

helmet as he went. "The shot man was holding his son in his arms as he lay on the pavement. There was a

Dawn Blake of Greater

Manchester Ambulance Service said: "We received a call at ten past five telling us there had been a shooting in Bolton. When our crew arrived they discovered that a five-year-old had died as a result of a bullet wound to the head. We also had a male adult who had suffered a bullet wound to the abdomen. They were both taken to hospital.

We don't have absolute confirmation of the man's condition but certainly a bullet wound to the stomach cannot be considered a minor injury."

The killer's car was left abandoned in the street where the shooting took place. Neighbours reported hearing the sound of another car

driving away at high speed. Greater Manchester police sealed off the area, a nerwork of narrow small streets close to a main route west. Officers then began house to house

Wife relives horror of jumbo crash ordeal

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A WOMAN who had nine relatives on the Korean Air let which crashed into a mountainside in Guam on Wenesday has told how she lost her husband in Korea's last airline disaster

Meena Park said her husband died with 268 others when a Korean Airlines flight was shot down after straying into Soviet airspace in 1983. Mrs Park, waiting for official news in Glendale, California, with her sister Kelly Kang whose eight-year-old daughter Tiffany was on Flight 801 said:

What else?" The sisters, who said their relatives were travelling to Guam for a five-day holiday. criticised the helpline set up by Korean Air. When I call the number, they say call back," said Mrs Park, who was a Korean Air flight attendant for 11 years . "Fourteen years ago they released the names after 12 hours. I would have hoped they could have improved." Last night reports said that

226 people were killed when the jumbo crashed in jungle near the Pacific island's air-

port. There were 28 survivors, Rescuers worked through the night searching for survivors. But officials said the effort was being hampered by the rough terrain and by the had weather.

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Park: husband died in 1983 air disaster

Gourmets gluttons for school food



On no, not turbotin au gratin coulis

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BOARDING school cuisine, long regarded as the lowest form of culinary life, may now match standards in some of the country's top restaurants. Uppingham School in Rutland, where a place at table

(plus education) costs £12,750 a year, challenged food critics to sample its fare. The results, published in The Egon Ronay Guide in its first ever assessment of school dinners, found the food far removed from the semolina-and-stodge image.

The inspectors are now planning a guide to boarding

In a six-page report, inspectors said that a variety of curries and a "pleasantly spicy well-seasoned" chilli con carne at the 400-year-old alma mater of Stephen Fry were on a par with meals at restaurants in the commany's annual

chool cuisine

guide to the best tables. Inspectors reported that the school's own dish Chicken Uppingham-style was an atonly to be told that the pupils tractive "poached breast wrapped in streaky bacon Uppingham, whose 640 pusurrounded by leek and tarra-

gon sauce". Special praise was reserved for the chicken pils include the son of Stephen Dorrell, Shadow Educacurry cooked with fresh tion Secretary, has 13 boarding houses, 11 kitchens spices, and for "a good wellflavoured beef curry comprisand 26 cooks. ing small, tender chunks of Chris Lewis, managing director of The Egon Ronay meat in a rich, not-too-spicy

Guides, said: "It was a first for us and something we The assessors even called for second helpings of "excelwould like to do more of. There could be an Egon lent chocolate crispie cakes that were rich and sticky". Ronay guide soon." They baulked at tinned tomatoes and toasted sandwiches made with processed cheese,

One of the school's old boys, Rick Stein - owner of The Seafood Restaurant, Padstow - won the Egon Ronay Restaurant of the Year

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CJD threat 'is underestimated'

Government scientist warns that complacency may lead to Europe-wide epidemic, reports Nigel Hawkes

A LEADING expert on Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has warned of a growing sense of complacency over the chances of a major epidemic.

Dr John Collinge of St Mary's Hospital in London says that although the number of cases of the new form of the disease believed to be caused by infected beef has not risen as quickly as some people feared, a

major epidemic could still occur. It may only involve hundreds, but it could be Europe-wide and become a disaster of biblical proportions." Dr Collinge said. "We have to face the possibility of a disaster with tens of thousands of cases."

This prospect is not new, he said, but there is a danger that it is being discounted too quickly. The chairman of the Government's advisory committee on CJD-like diseases. Professor John Pattison, warned 18 months ago of the possibility of half a

Since then, the actual numbers have risen to only 21. "There seems to be a revisionist view gaining ground in the press not only that the link between bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or "mad cow" disease, and new variant CJD is not clearly established, but that the epidemic is likely to be small." Dr Collinge said. In fact the link is very clearly

established, and there are going to be a lot more cases. We are still in the dark about how many, but we have to

week, one confirmed case of new variant CID and one suspected case have emerged. Sue Carey. 36. a mother of four who was living in Lincolnshire at the time of her death in March, has been confirmed by the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh

as a victim of the new variant.

Mandy Minto, 21. a former Euro-pean Judo Champion from Grangetown, Sunderland, died eight months after falling ill and is also suspected of being a victim of CJD. Confirmation awaits detailed examination of her brain tissue, the only certain way for diagnosing the

Dr Collinge believes that a drug to

possible and could be available within ten years. I would like to see within ten years. "I would like to see the pharmaceutical industry do more," he said.

"But I can understand why they

are reluctant. The number of cases is still small, so it is hard for them to justify heavy spending. But if they wait until there are many cases, it will be too late." He has no complaints about the

support for his own research, most of

which has come not from Govern-

ment sources but from the Wellcome

Trust. "I don't believe that throwing money at the problem would necessarily help, anyway," he said. A Health Department spokesworn-

prepare for the worst." In the past control the progress of the disease is an denied that there was any sense of the possible link between "mad cow" disease and the new variant form of CJD, a number of new research projects have begun after the department and the Medical Research Council called for proposals

from researchers.

Dr Collinge himself eats beef, arguing that it would be illogical to avoid it now that the infected material has been removed. He has no children but admitted that if he had he would be reluctant to give them beef or beef products.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford, page 13



The Sinn Fein delegation arriving at Stormont Castle yesterday to meet the Northern Ireland Secretary, led by the MPs Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness

Mowlam meets republican leadership

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, held her first face-to-face meeting yesterday with a Sinn Fein delegation that included the MPs Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness and a convicted IRA gunrunner.

Dr Mowlam apologised if the meeting at Stormont Castle angered victims of the IRA. but insisted that bringing Sinn Fein into talks was the only way to prevent further violence and killings.

The gunrunner, Martin Ferris, served ten years in prison for attempting to smuggle seven tons of arms into Ireland. Dr Mowlam said imposing conditions on whom she met would merely mean months of further delay before peace talks could begin. The 212-hour meeting, made possible by the new IRA ceasefire. was the first between British ministers and Sinn Fein since January 1996, one month before the collapse of the previ-

ous ceasefire. Both sides emerged speaking cordially of the other. Dr Mowlam called Mr Adams a "strong, competent leader" and said she felt more confident about Sinn Fein's commitment to peace. Mr Adams acknowledged this "was not the same type of meetings we had with the last government" and welcomed Dr Mowlam as Northern Ireland's first woman Secretary of State. "We



Mowlam: emphasised need for talks

also want her to be the last Secretary of State," he added. Mr Adams, the Sinn Fein president, used the meeting to emphasise that Sinn Fein's first demand in the multi-party talks scheduled to resume on September 15 would be an united Ireland. "An internal six-county arrange-ment cannot work. There has to be fundamental constitutional and political change. The status quo is unworkable," he told Dr Mowlam.

However, Mr Adams hinted that Sinn Fein might accept some transitional arrangement, telling reporters that "in the meantime" there had to be as many improvements in the situation as possible. Those

tion and harassment; demilitarisation; and the release of all "political" prisoners.

The meeting made no discernible progress towards resolving the two main obstacles to Unionist participation in the negotiations. Mr Adams insisted that IRA disarmament could only take place in the context of Northern Ire land's "total demilitarisation" and refused to accept the principle of consent if it was limited to Northern Ireland and gave the Province's Unionist majority a veto.

For Sinn Fein, yesterday's meeting was of great symbolic importance. Mr Adams and his five colleagues fully exploited the opportunity, walking the last 100 yards to the gates for the benefit of the many television cameras and holding a lengthy press con-ference afterwards. However, Dr Mowlam and her political affairs minister, Paul Murphy, greeted Mr Adams be-hind closed doors.

Events elsewhere in Northern Irland yesterday underscored the fragility of the present peace. A hoan bomb was sent to the loyalist Progressive Unionist Party. The Loyalist Volunteer Force, a paramilitary splinter group. anacked a Roman Catholic taxi driver in Craigavon.

Michael Gove, page 14



Seventies singer Dana in bid for Irish presidency

By Audrey Magee, tretand correspondent

DANA. the 1970 Irish Eurovision Song Contest winner, yesterday declared that she would stand for election as Irish president.

The singer, whose real name is Rosemary Brown, said it would be an honour to serve the Irish people and she would willingly give up her career in entertainment to contest the October poll. Dana, 44, who lives in Alabama, is staunchly anti-abortion and hosts a chat show on Mother Angelica, a US Catholic cable television channel.

She told Irish radio: "This is not an ego trip. This is not for financial gain or emotional security. I really would love to he able to give back something to the people of Ireland for all

they have given me." Dana, who would need the support of 20 Irish MPs to secure a nomination, said it remained to be seen whether she would get the necessary backing. She decided to run after consulting her husband and four children, who were very excited" by the move.

Dana, who was born in Londonderry and won the song contest with All Kinds of Everything, said she would reconsider her decision if John Hume, the SDLP leader, sought to succeed the incumbent, Mary Robinson. Mrs Robinson is standing down on September 12 to become the Inited Nations commissioner for human rights.

Mr Hume, also from Londonderry, has been asked by the main Irish political parties to stand for the position. He is the bookies' favourite for the job but said he had not decided whether he would accept the nomination. In a statement, he said that he was too preoccupied with the allparty talks to consider the matter. The presidential election date has been fixed for October 30, with nominations

to be lodged by October 1.

Left-wing magazine attacks Government

Hilary Wainwright, the Editor of the left-wing magazine Red Pepper, last night accused the Government of "arrogant centralised control and the disastrously conservative economics of the workhouse".

The magazine's advisers include the MP Jeremy Corbyne the writer Ruth Rendell, who has been made a Labour working peer, and the MEP Hugh Kerr. Appraising the working peer, and the MEP Hugh Kerr. Appraising the Government's 100 days in power, Ms Wainwright said that its "determinedly neo-liberal economics" would produce the said that the said th unrest and active protest. "Home Secretary Jack Straws." zero tolerance represents the criminalisation of anti-social behaviour, the policing of the social disorder caused by new Labour's economic policy."

Beckett attacked over BP

The Tories launched a fresh offensive yesterday over the shareholdings of Lord Simon, the Trade Minister and former BP chairman who is to sell all his shares in the company, accusing Margaret Beckett of misleading the Commons in answers to questions on the issue. John Redwood, the Shadow Trade Secretary, demanded a statement from the President of the Board of Trade.

Time up for mixed wards

The Government yesterday announced a drive to speed up-the removal of mixed wards in the National Health Service. Baroness Jay of Paddington, the Health Minister, said that mixed accommodation should be eliminated within two years. "It is completely unacceptable for male and female patients to be in adjacent beds. Patients expect privacy and dignity, and they should have it."

Boys held over murder

two boys aged 14 were among six suspects who appeared in court yesterday in connection with the murder of a Scottish surgeon in KwaZulu/Natal last week. They were all remanded in custody. The death of Spence William Alexander, 38, who fived in Empangeni with his wife and three children, provoked a national outrage. The killers stabbed and shot him after hijacking his minibus. Two boys aged 14 were among six suspects who appeared in

Car thief dumped baby

A car thief left a baby to crawl by the roadside after stealing a vehicle without realising that the 11-month old boywas in his car seat inside. The third, 17, who admitted abduction in Berkhamsted. Hertfordshire, and several offences of car theft, was sentenced to four months' youth custody and disqualified from driving for two years by Hemel Hempstead youth court. The baby was found by a passer by

Victims of crime 'failed'

Crimes against people with learning difficulties are often not properly investigated and do not result in a conviction, a survey among 1,000 social workers found. The report in Community Care magazine said that two thirds of social workers knew at least one victim — and that the offender was in some cases a social worker—but prosecutions were. rare because the victims were not seen as good witnesses.

Birt a fat cat, says Bell

John Birt, the BBC Director General, was yesterday criticised by Martin Bell, the MP for Tation and the network's former war correspondent, for accepting an 18 per cent pay rise while rank-and-file employees received only 3 per cent. Mr Bell wrote in the Knutsford Guardian: "He leads the world's greatest broadcasting organisation,

Fifth soldier charged

A fifth British soldier was charged last night in connection with an attack in Cyprus on two tourists from London. The British military authorities said that there might be further arrests. Private Stuart Spencer, 20, is to appear in court this morning, with four other members of the 1st Battalion The King's Regiment, to answer charges of causing grievous bodily harm to Shane Bell and Barry Ford.

L Cpl John Tetford

Lance Corporal John Tetford (right), a military policeman in the King's Regiment at the British hase at Dhekelia in Cyprus, was one of the escorts when four British soldiers appeared in court on Tuesday after two tourists had been aner two tourists had been assaulted. L Cpl Tetford was wrongly identified by the picture agency which supplied the photograph used in yesterday's edition as one of the accused.



Welfare

Continued from page 1 introduce regional dole payment levels deserved serious

Mr Field, speaking to The Times last night, said he was critical of the fact that benefit office staff in Exeter, where the hudget was £170 million, were not free to control it.

"I want to know if it is feasible for them to manage it their way. Without interference from the DSS, which has 500 offices to look after. They could take maybe up to within the life of a Parliament. It could go to schools or hospitals: Whatever they think will help to break the dependency culture.

Under Mr Field's proposals, cash bonuses are to be offered to social security staff who help the Government in reforming the welfare bill. Incentive payments will vary depending on the savings achieved. To encourage the staff Mr Field will follow his visit to Exerer, where he spent three days, with a fact-finding tour of the benefit office in his Birkenhead constituency. Among some of the anomalies Mr Field has already identified is a presumption that prosecuted for sums less than 1500. He said: "We can't have people breaking the law."

Woman motorist goes distance with Eubank

CHRIS EUBANK, the former world champion boxer, met his match in the shape of an angry woman who slapped cars almost collided in a busy street in Brighton.

Years of tough training appears to have left Eubank, an egocentric whose pomp both delights and irritates boxing audiences, ill-prepared for the verbal and physical onslaught he suffered during the furious row in his home town.

Witnesses described how Eubank, 30, who formerly held the World Boxing Organisation's middle and supermiddleweight ritles, simply stood in the middle of the street as the middle-aged woman set about him.

Eubank, who dresses as a monocled dandy and recently admined "I want to be liked". seems to have been the innocent party after the woman pulled out in front of his Jeep. Alan Smith, 37, who witnessed the altercation earlier this week, said: "It was all quite unnecessary. She obvi-ously doesn't like Eubank, but he was not doing anything



Eubank: met his match on streets of Brighton

wrong. The woman came flying out of the road straight in front of Eubank's Jeep. Chris skidded to a stop, flashed his lights and beeped her.

She stopped her car in the middle of the road and Chris got out of the Jeep and went over. She started shouting and swearing at him, then got out of her car and slapped him

across the face. When the woman refused to move her car. Chris tried to call the police on his mobile phone but he couldn't, so in the end I called them. They must have been arguing for

could tell Chris was just waiting for her to stop

ranting."
Tommy Angus, 12, and Ben Clarke, 13, also saw the incident. Tommy said: The woman just laid into him. She was yelling that she was fed up with the way he thought he owned the road and she was late for a meeting. Eventually the police had to come to sort everything out."

Sussex police were satisfied that there was no need for any action and allowed the two motorists to go their separate

At Eubank's Gold Person offices in Brighton yesterday there was nobody available for

Eubank is no stranger to confrontation in Brighton. Earlier this year he was ordered to do 200 hours' community service after he was involved in a fireworks display which left two women badly burned.

Eubank lost his world ritle crown to the Irish boxer Steve Collins in 1993 and suffered a second points defeat in a rematch six months later in

Death Row killer wins case review

BY RICHARD FORD

A MAN who murdered a four-year-old child on the tiny Caribbean island of St Vincent has won his light to have British judges review his conviction after a court in the West ladies ruled that UK laws protecting suspects operate there. Eversley Thompson, who faces the death penalty, has

appealed to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London, and claims his confessions had been beaten out of him and that he had been denied access to legal advice.

His victory in the East Caribbean Appeal Court could have far-reaching implications for any island in the West Indies which has based its own laws regarding evidence in court cases on an English model. It could mean that the protections provided for suspects in the UK, including how people are questioned and how investigations are con-ducted, operate in a num-

ber of Caribbean islands.

Long-range forecast looks to next century

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of four-year weather forecasts has moved a step closer with the discovery by British scientists of a vast temperature cycle in the North

Researchers believe that the cycle, which has been found to operate over 12 to 14 years, may be playing a key role in shaping the climate over western Europe several years into the future. Rowan Sutton and Myles

Allen of the atmospheric oceanic and planetary physics department of Oxford University believe the cycle might be used to forecast the weather up to four years ahead. Dr Sunon said yesterday that the forecasts would be less precise than the ones currently broadcast, but could indicate that the winter in 2001 was likely to be warmer or wetter and the spring, colder and drier than

"Although they will never be detailed, they nevertheless could be quite useful for certain sectors, such as the reinsurance industry," Dr Sutton said in Nature. Other areas that could benefit from a role in driving weather

long-term weather forecasts are the clothing industry. where manufacturers could plan to make more woollens in anticipation of colder winters and springs; farmers planning crops; water companies managing resources and power generation companies who. could plan the shutdown of plant for maintenance several years in advance based on the forecast that a warmer winter will mean less demand.

Even holidaymakers or those planning a wedding could benefit. A forecast of a colder, wetter, spring might prompt some people to switch their wedding and outdoor reception into the summer. The possibilities have emerged from a study of

surface sea temperature in the North Atlantic between the 1940s and 1980s where the researchers have found the 10 to 14-year pattern linked with the Guli Stream. These changes make some parts of the Atlantic colder and other parts warmer than usual. Temperature differences in the oceans are thought to play

systems because of changes in eatures such as evaporation. Dr Sutton said they believed that the cycle they have discovered could affect a key weather and storm-forming region off Florida which in turn drives winds, storms, airstreams and clouds across to Britain and western Europe.

We believe that the terri-

perature of the ocean in that region could have a particularly important influence on the weather systems and downstream, perhaps an im-portant effect on Europe. We. are talking about relatively small changes in the ocean temperatures but these sit around, influencing climate. patterns, for a long time," Dr

Districts birds are laying their eggs earlier, spurred on by global changes that hasten the arrival of spring. A study reported in Nature by the British Trust for Ornithology of 65 species of bird shows that in 20 of them, egg-laying has advanced by an average of 8.8. days since 1971,

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Briton on aid mission murdered by gang who escaped with £50

'Angels of Mercy' who spent 30 years

taking supplies to needy in eastern

Europe were set upon as they slept in camper van, reports Paul Wilkinson

A BRITISH churchman has Emmanuel church in Baildon been killed and his wife seriously injured in a late-night robbery as they returned from delivering aid to Romania.
Michael Pollard, 62, a pastor
with the Emmanuel Evangelical Church, and his wife Sovalleare, 55, were attacked as they slept in their camper van in Hungary early on

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Tuesday. The robbers escaped with 150. Mrs Pollard, who has multiple injuries, including a broken jaw and nose, other facial and chest wounds, is being treated in intensive care and is expected to be operated.

on today. Hungarian police have detained three people who con-fessed to the assaults. A local report, quoting police sources, said the couple's vehicle had broken down in Nyiregyhaza. a town about 150 miles porth-



east of Budapest. They decided to spend the night parked in a bus station when the robbers approached them, pretending to be police. They demanded a 4,000 forint (£12) fixed penalty fine for alleged illegal parking, which the Pollards paid, and then told the couple they could remain. Two hours later the men returned and attacked them with a gas spray and a

steel bar.
Yesterday a Foreign Office
spokesman said: "Hungarian
police have already arrested three people who have confessed to the attack and the motive appears to have been

Green, Bradford, and his wife, known as lo, were on a regular trip taking aid sup-plies collected by their church to eastern Europe. They have made the four-week journey years. The Pollards began their charity missions after seeing Russian tanks roll in to

suppress the Czech democratic movement in Prague in 1968. The couple, who a neigh-bour said were deeply moved by the experience, took Bibles and other religious books to members of clandestine Christian groups suppressed and persecuted by the authorities.

In 1986 Mr Pollard, his wife and their three children were held at gunpoint by border guards after attempting to smuggle Bibles into Romania. They were released after the Bibles were confiscated. After the Iron Curtain collapsed, the couple took food, medical sup-

plies and clothing.
The Rev Geoff Percival, who is on the board of governors of the aid group, Jubilee Out-reach Yorkshire, said: "Mike made these annual trips to help the homeless and poor in other countries in eastern Europe but he worked tirelessly all year round over here." He said Mr Pollard worked

on several youth and community projects in Baildon.
"He was also the chairman of Baildon Link, a local Methodist church community centre. He was very well-liked, as was his wife. They never stopped thinking of others. Mr Pollard and his wife

born in Shipley, had taught religious education at schools in the area, including Ladder-banks Middle School in Baildon, but retired from teaching some years ago.

Gathy Tedd, another member of the aid group in Skipton. North Yorkshire.

said: They were just Chris-tians doing what they had Mr Pollard, a pastor at the been doing for 30 years, even



Suicide man took wife's life in error

A SUICIDE ended in a double tragedy after a retired accountant accidentally killed his wife as well as himself, an inquest was told vesterday.

Ronald Rickard, 70. who suffered from chronic bronchitis and respiratory problems, left a note for his wife Margaret on the kitchen table, explaining that he wanted to die without further suffering.

He then went into the garage of their home in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire on March 9 and killed himself by channelling exhaust fumes from his Volkswagen Passat inside the car. But the fumes escaped from the garage and filled the house.

Mrs Rickard was found unconscious in bed and doctors were unable to resuscitate her. Their voungest son James was visiting his parents and awoke feeling ill from the effects of the fumes. He found the spicide note. then his father.

Post-mortem examinations found that the couple, who had three adult sons, died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Leamington coroner. Michael Coker. recorded a verdict of suicide on Mr Rickard, and accidental death on Mrs

Suicide student lied about his place at college

A STUDENT who fooled his sensed something was wrong parents into thinking he had won a place at a technical college committed suicide rather than tell them the truth. Richard Davies, 20, jumped to start a course in media studies. He had missed the deadline for essential coursework and had not even com-

pleted an entry form for the

Open Institute College in Bolton, Lancashire.

His parents. John, 52, and
Carol, 53, from Chepstow,
Gwent, told yesterday of their
suffering. "We blame our
selves." Mr Davies said, "H

ner's court heard how the thought he wasn't going student was seen clinging to because he was not packed or the railings of the bridge on getting organised. He said to me, "You always know". The the railings of the bridge on September 3 last year. After falling 120ft to his death his body was swept away. After the verdict Mr and Mrs Davies said they had

with their son's application. Mr Davies even set him a deadline of September 2 for filling in the entry form. "His mum and I were worried that from the Severn Bridge three he was taking going away to college too casually." he to start a course in media

Mr Davies described his son as "a bright lad" who wanted to do well and had received some excellent reports from lecturers. "He didn't say he was having trouble. He didn't want to let his mum down," he added.

Mr Davies recalled how he had offered to help his son to seives." Mr Davies said. "If only we had noticed something was wrong or if he had and said if he didn't fill out the forms. "I had a chat to him the day before he went to him the didn't fill out the forms. I had a chat to him the day before he went to him the next day. I told him I thought he may the

next day he was gone." Paul Forrest, the coroner recorded a verdict of suicide

Boy with meningitis loses arms and legs

others not so fortunate."

Members of the group were

is on a mission in Europe."

A BOY aged three has had his arms and legs ampu-tated after contracting meningitis on holiday in Tenerile.

Kyle Barton was recon ering yesterday at Shef-field Children's Hospital. Surgeons there had to operate because he had gangrene in large areas of his limbs.

Professor Stuart Tanner, one of a team of consultants caring for him, said he was making good progress and had started breathing maided after being disconnected from a ventilator. He added: "His whole family have railied round. They have been present for much of the time."

Kyle was first treated in a Tenerife clinic then transferred to a larger hospital on the island before being flown home. The most recent outbreak of meningitis at a holiday was in Majorca last





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Farmer badly crushed by tractor walks home

By A STAFF REPORTER

badly crushed under his trac- 65, said at the farm in tor and temporarily blinded Sparrowpit, Derbyshire: "All staggered home for three the doctors have said he quarters of a mile then took off his boots to avoid dirtying the kitchen floor before telling his wife. "I think you'd better call an ambulance."

been using the headlights of the tractor for illumination while he repaired a water tank in a field. The handbrake failed and the tractor ran over him. ripping his face with barbed wire caught in its wheels. Mr. Williamson suffered broken ribs and collar bone, a punctured lung and had his face damaged beyond cheekbones broken and his

A FARMER who had been recognition. His wife, Mary, the doctors have said he should be dead."

After the accident Mr Williamson managed to turn off the tractor engine and closed n ambulance. the gates behind him once he Fred Williamson, 67, had reached home. Mrs Williamson said: "All I remember is him shouting to me. He said, 'Don't panic, Mary, but I need an ambulance.' He was stood in the hallway looking like something from a horror movie. He was very calm and stood over the sink till the

ambulance came. "His jaw was smashed, his nose was in a thousand pieces. After eight hours of surgery he now has metal plates in his jaw and cheekbones and a bridge on his nose. Amazingly he can still see. His right eye is fine and his left eye, which was

sewn back in, has double vision, but should be OK. "He is such a fighter. The first thing he said when he came round was to ask if the water had been fixed."

In the three weeks since the accident Mr Williamson, who is in Withington Hospital. Manchester, has made "amazing progress", according to his wife. "He'll have to have a lot

Suicide MP's friend promises vengeance

Gillian Bowditch on a quest for truth about Gordon McMaster's death

colleague of Gordon McMaster, the Labour MP who committed suicide last week, is collecting sworn statements from those who she says were approached in a smear campaign against him. Irene Adams, an MP with

McMaster in Paisley, has vowed to avenge his death and is urging others in the town to stand up and be counted" by helping Labour's inquiry into evidence and I will be naming those behind these allegations," she said yesterday. "I will not let Gordon McMaster

Before gassing himself in his car. McMaster wrote a suicide note accusing two senior Labour figures of spreading rumours about him. People were told that he was homosexual and had Aids. Mrs Adams, who became

MP for Paisley North on the

Lord Dixon, left, and Tommy Graham: both deny having played any part in the rumour campaign

McMaster's boss in the Whips' Office. He believed the

two men were responsible for

the rumours, which he always

Tony Blair, Mrs Adams, Nick

Brown, the Chief Whip, and

dismissed as untrue.

ley South, said that several people had told her that they had heard the rumours.

The two politicians named my Graham, MP for Renfrewshire West, and Lord Dixon, the Labour peer and former ham can live with themselves. would rather be dead with theirs. I expect to go to Heaven and I don't expect to see them there. But if I do I hope it's in a dark alley. Even after I'm dead, they will keep on badmouthing me." Mr Graham said he had not heard the rumours and denied

paign. "I am broken-hearted by his death. I liked him and all my friends liked him. I feel very sorry for his parents. am a family man myself and I was absolutely shattered by the news. I am appalled that my name has in any way be linked with this."

Lord Dixon said: "I always got on well with Gordon. There was no animosity between us at all. I had a great deal of respect for him and, I

McMaster is believed to



Irene Adams celebrating election success with Gordon McMaster in May. He gassed himself 12 weeks later

his being left on the back benches after the general elec-tion. Friends said he also felt that he had not taken seriously complaint he had made

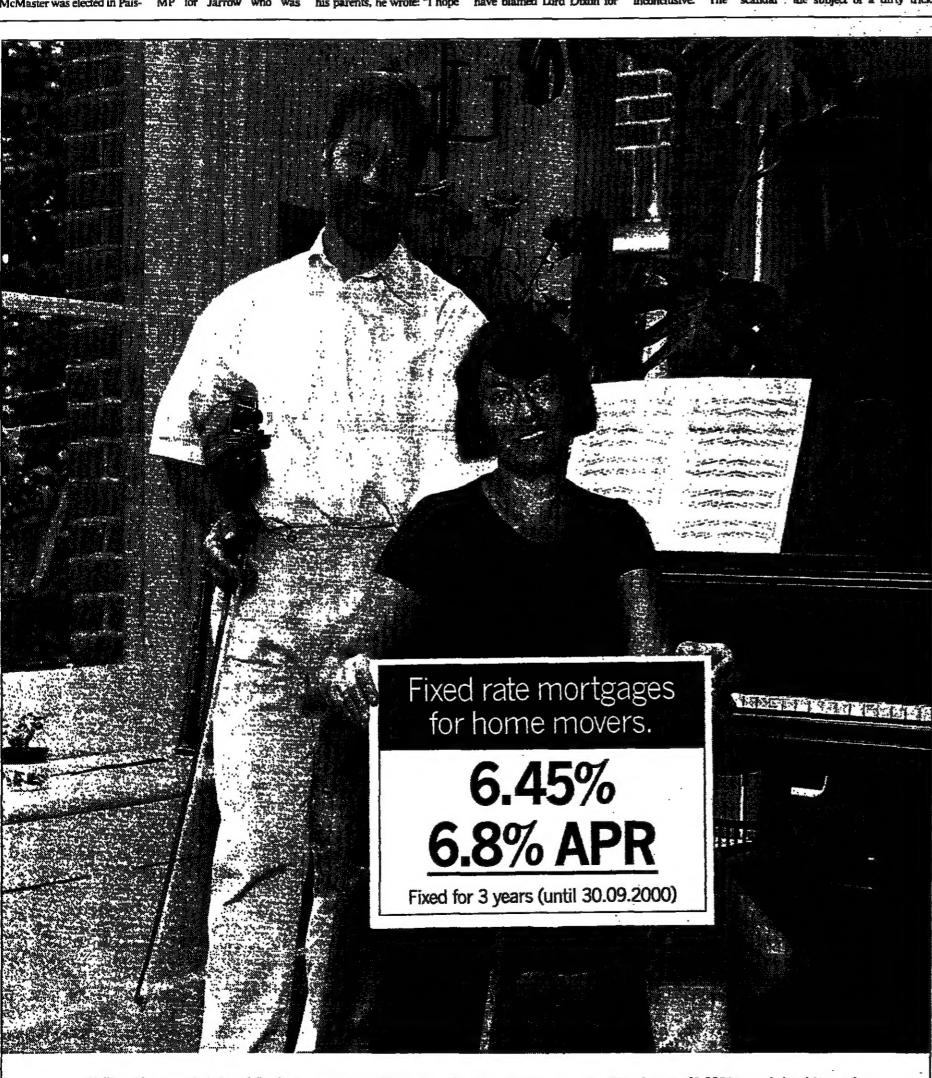
about Mr Graham Friends of McMaster are determined that the truth will eventually come out and are likely to publicise the contents of the suicide letter in full if the outcome of the party inquiry is

threatens to overshadow the by election campaign.

Graham and Mrs Adams and McMaster had simmered foryears. The choice of Mrs. Adams and McMaster as candidates in 1990 annoyed a section of Paisley Labour Par-ty. The two MPs increased their majorities in 1992 but Mrs Adams said that she was subject of a dirty tricks

campaign to have her deselect-ed. She complained of dozens of new members flooding her local party and of old people being signed up without their

There have also been allega tions of party members being linked with drug criminals. and rows over non-payment of membership fees. The North Paisley party was suspended last year and remains so today. There has been no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of any of the MPs but harsh words have been exchanged. McMaster was determined that the poison within the Paisley Labour Party be exposed and dealt with. The Chief Whip will decide whether his dying wish will be granted.



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Young men increasingly reluctant to leave home

YOUNG men are increasingly unwilling to leave home, an official study of family life has

statistics on families were collected 20 years ago, more sons in their late twenties and early thirties are choosing to stay at home. Among 30 to 34r-olds, one in hine is still living with his parents compared with one in 11 in 1991;

report's authors, said: "The increase in the age of marriage, even though premarital cohabitation is greater, could be one of the reasons why adult men are living with their parents. The increased age of child birth and the number of people staying in full-time

ducation are other factors." The report, by the Office for National Statistics, is the most wide-ranging official study of families and has found that the number of first-time mar-riages in Britain has halved and the number of divorces has trebled in a generation.

Although fewer than half of us now live in a traditional household of parents with children, those who leave home keep in close touch with relatives and 83 per cent expect to have Christmas dinner with them. Only 3 per cent of divorced fathers lose touch with their children.

Mr Norman says: "Despite the changing economic and social characteristics of families in recent years, the family

institution in society. Families

provide an invaluable source

for individuals, particularly He added: "Extended family members tend not to be scattered far and wide, and are usually those who satisfy the childrane needs of parents The strongest evidence that family bonds remain strong is that only 13 per cent of people time with their friends than

their family - blood is still thicker than water." Overall 84 per cent of the population live in one of the 15.8 million family units. These might be married or cohabiting couples, with or without children, or the rapidly growing number of lone-parent families.

In just 25 years the propor tion of these has trebled and now accounts for almost a quarter of all households with children. The number of children born outside marriage accounts for a third of all births - four times the pro-

portion in 1971. While the number of first marriages is decreasing, 68 per cent of couples live togeth 201,000 couples married for the first time — just over half the peak number in 1970. Although around 40 per cent of these marriages are likely to that the trend of splitting up is beginning to level out.

Alarms keep dolphins out THE TIMES of nets, say researchers

BY NICK NUTTALL

ACOUSTIC alarms fixed to some types of fishing net have been successful at warning off porpoises and dolphins, scientists have said.

Researchers studied bottom set gill nets which are linked with the death of tens of thousands of porpoises and dolphins across the globe About 2,000 harbour porpoise are killed every year in the Celtic Sea by these kinds of nets. say experts.

The new studies, made off New Hampshire, indicate that alarms which emit pulses of of a team of American scientists in the journal Nature Just two porpoises became caught in ners with acoustic alarms compared with 25 in those without

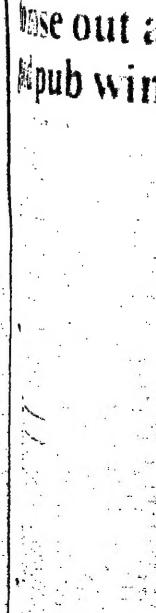
Mark Simmonds of the Whale and Dolphin Conserva-tion Society in Bailt said yesterday that more research was needed and cautioned against using a simple technological response to a complicated



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Football's multimillion own goal

Small league clubs are being forced

to the wall as Premiership sides pay ever higher prices for foreign

players, Fraser Nelson reports

MANCHESTER UNITED has become the largest foorball club in Europe, reaching the top of an industry transformed by a financial revolution that will force many smaller clubs to insolvency, an independent report said

Spiralling players' wages, over-ambitious plans to build stadiums unlikely to be filled and a flow of overseas signings which leaves British supporters bankrolling Italian football are detailed by the accountants Deloitte Touche.

In its annual review, restative report on the industry. it puts Manchester United at the top of Europe with turn-over of £53.3 million for 1994-95, the latest data available. Only seven of the 92 clubs in the English league made a profit of £1 million or more.

The report forecasts that Premiership players are likely to be paid an average f310,000 this season as wages rise faster than ever. Since the £20 ceiling on player's fees was abolished in 1961 after pressure from Jimmy Hill. the increase has been left to



market forces. Players in the top English division have enjoyed 25 per cent increases pushing the Premiership's annual wage bill over £150

million.

The demand for highame overseas players saw Fabrizio.

Ravanelli recruited to Middlesbrough for a reported £42,000 a week before the club was relegated to the First Division. A transfer deal to Everton reportedly fell through because his wage demands were inrealistic.

derstood to have added £5 amble.

1996-96 season British football made a loss of £98 million after £93 million was drained from the country by the rush to buy overseas players. That, it says, is creating a bizarre situation where the seasonticket money from British supporters can end up being channelled into the cost of Inter Milan's purchase of the Brazilian star Ronaldo. Genry Boon, a senior part-ner at Deloitte Touche, said:

In recent weeks other trans-fers have included Arsenal's signing of Mark Overmars for £7 million, on a reported salary of £18,000 per week. and Crystal Palace paying Lombardo. Manchester United are un-

million to their annual wage bill this season to hold on to players: That kind of budget, the report says, is putting First Division clubs under pressure to match the salaries. But because Premiership clubs claim much larger prof-its, directors of First Division clubs believe the prospect of promotion is worth the The report found that in the

that a fair slug of Italian football is being paid for by the British this season." The report concluded that clubs should trim their expenditure plans to match their size, not their ambitions. Part of the problem was identified. as serial stadium building, where small clubs borrow to build huge stadiums they have little chance of filling. Mr Boon said: "This is a real worry for a lot of clubs. They

"We don't have exact figures

for how much is going into overseas clubs but you can bet

Heavy investment: Fabrizio Ravanelli and his minders arriving at the Riverside Stadium recently to discuss his contract with Middlesbrough ask for 25,000-seater stadiums without asking how many times they have had 25,000 crowds. The only way they would fill it is for championship matches, and these come once in a blue

He said football was showing that it was willing to take ever-greater financial risks but that would send far more clubs to the wall. "What put the clubs in difficulty is that they constantly spend more than they earn. Previously they have balanced the books by selling a player or finding a local person willing to buy the club for emotional reasons and suffer the losses.

The Bosman decision has shattered the certainty of selling a player and the losses of the smaller clubs are getting so deep that they will have difficulty finding a local supporter with pockets deep enough to manage it."

Manchester United's wage bill of £13.3 million in 1995-96 was less than half of AC Milan's £31.4 million, the highest in Europe. Mr Boon said: "Manchester United is top in the world in terms of income, profitability and probably in terms of controlling their wage bill. It has structured its business and developed its brand so that business success is not entiredependent upon on-the-

He contrasted that with Newcastle United, the league runners-up, who made the biggest loss, with a deficit of £23.6 million. "When Eric Cantona announced his retirement, United's share price

id success."

fell by just I per cent," Mr Boon said. "But when Alan Shearer was badly injured recently Newcastle's share price plummeted 6 or 7 per cent," he said.

Mr Boon said the new deal between the Premiership and BSkyB would accentuate the divide. The average Premiership club could expect television revenue of £5.5 million this season while the best that those outside could hope for was about £1 million.

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Arrests at games down by a third

HOME CORRESPONDENT

arrested at football matches fell by more than a third over the past four seasons, although the decline now seems to have levelled out. Arrests in or around soccer club grounds remained steady at 4,400 last season, the figures from the National Criminal Intelligence Service show.

A breakdown of the figures between the 1992-93 season and 1996-97 also discloses that while arrests at first and third division clubs have halved, arrests at FA Carling Premiership clubs have remained the same. There were 961 arrests outside Premiership club grounds, 456 outside first division grounds, 265 outside second and 169 outside third division grounds.

Detective Superintendent Bryan Drew said the drop in arrests was achieved by close co-operation between the service and police officers. "The majority of serious offences are the work of organised hooliganism," he said.

Developing good-quality intelligence remains the key to stilling attempts to cause trouble."

The number of soccerrelated arrests in 1992-93 was 6.327 compared with 4,400 last season. With attendance over the same period up from 24.5 million to more than 26 million, the number of arrests per 100,000 specta-tors fell from 25.8 to 16.7.

Drink-related offences formed the largest category of offences in 1996-1997.

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Inspectors are hard pressed to nose out a good pub wine

THE standard of wine on sale in pubs is failing to keep pace with that sold in supermarkets and off-licence chains, accord-

ing to Which?
The magazine, published by the Consumers' Association, years ago and found that "far. too many were unpleasant and overpriced". This year the magazine sent inspectors to 70 pubs around the country to test the wines on sale and out 25 of the best-selling wines from major brewery chains into a blind tasting session with an expert panel.

The experts visited a wide range of pubs — ten in Scotland, five in Wales and 55 throughout England. Al-

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though they found a wider range of wines on offer than in past years, and the measures were bigger, the tests found that the quality was still

The experts found them-selves unable to recommend a single one of the 14 best-selling white wines they were offered, and of the 11 reds they would recommend only three. They commented that palatable wines were lew and far between, that there was an overall duliness about the selections and that too many of the wines were badly made. One of the experts commented: "The overall impression is that pubs are concerning themselves with buying wines

as cheaply as possible ... and hang the quality." Another expert wrote: The

supermarkets and multiple specialists have proved that it is possible to find fresh, fruity wines - red and white - at the cheapest price possible, so why can't the big breweries which have so much buying The inspectors found that

pubs were offering more wines than ten years ago, with 25 per cent selling more than four white wines and 10 per cent offering four types of red. But they found that pubs' printed wine lists could not be trusted. More than 65 per cent of the pubs visited had a list of wines on display, but in nearly 20 per cent none of the listed wines was available.

Of the seven breweries whose bestselling wines were inclinded in the test. Young's came out best, supplying the two top-scoring wines in the tasting. Wines from Fuller's pubs also fared relatively well. Wetherspoon pubs came out well in the survey, with six out of seven establishments in-spected rated as having good wine, and the seventh excellent. The chain also scored well on price. Its wine by the glass was cheaper than

In general, the researchers found that customers did not receive better wine by paying more for it. However, pubs that served good wine of one colour tended to have a good glass of the other available as



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Mozart and Beethoven: their style is emulated

Composers give encores by computer

MOZART, Beethoven and Delius are composing again, courtesy of a computer which, in the style of the great

The computer program, called Experiments in Musical Intelligence, has had a symphony, entitled Mozart's 42nd Symphony, performed by a college orchestra at the University of Santa Cruz, California. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who died in 1791, wrote 41 symphonies. The program has also produced works in the style of Brahms, Chopin, Rachma-ninov and Scott Joplin.

In the space of three months

it also churned out 5,000 "original" works, including 1,500 symphonies, 2,000 piano sonatas and 1,500 miscellaneous pieces. The program is the brain-child of the composer and

computer expert David Cope, who is based at the Santa Cruz university. He originally devised it to help him to overcome his composer's

It is based on the principle of "musical dice games" once employed by some 18th century composers. Beginning with fragments of music, they would write new works by arranging the fragments according to dice throws. In the same way, the computer takes pieces of music, breaks them up into tiny bits and reassem-bles them. To avoid producing gibberish, it applies an understanding of the grammar and symax of music.
The distinctive sound of a

particular composer is cap-

nation; everything you want to think of that goes into building a character. Nevertheless, Dr Hofstadter admitted to being stunned when he played a Chopin mazurka written by the program. "It sounded, except for a few glitches, as if it could slide

think music comes from.

er would have used them.

mazurkas," he said. Critics have said that the works, while impressive, sound like the efforts of lesser composers trying to emulate the work of the great masters. However, comparing its music to that of Mozart's contemporary and rival, Antonio Salieri, Dr Cope told New Scientist: This music is better than that."



Stewart Tendler harks back to the bad old days of stook-buzzers and Rodneys,

the Rolex raiders of the 19th century

alking along a Victori-an street could be a dangerous business. if the "stook-buzzers" did not steal the handkerchief from your pocket, and the "thimblescrewers" did not whip away your watch, the "swell mob" might clean out your pockets. Strolling with a snack in hand was an invitation to

a "pudding stammer" to pounce. The journalist Henry Mayhew's colourful classification of the London underworld in his 1861 chronicles shocked his Victorian readers. As the great reformers laid the foundations of today's criminal justice system with modern police forces, new prisons, law reforms and the first crime statistics, a vivid underworld flourished in the new

industrial cities.

Dickens and a friendly police inspector penetrated the heart of a London rookery, or criminal quarter, to watch young thieves at their leisure over supper in "Rat's Cas-tle". Angus Reach of the Morning Chronicle visited a Manchester odging house and saw by the light of a flickering lamp a pickpocket with "little deep-sunk eyes and square boney jaws, with a vile expression". The women. Reach recalled, were "coarse-looking and repulsive", the men "squalid, hulking fellows with no particular mark of any trade or calling on them".

It was newspaper copy calculated to thrill and chill the burgeoning middle classes of mid-Victorian Britain. Memories were fresh of the "hungry Forties", when unemployment reached the highest level of the century and men were so desperate that they stole to get themselves transported. Revolution stalked Europe and the Chartists

As the country began to climb to sunnier uplands, the spectre of the "dangerous class" remained. In the 1860s, The Times warned of a criminal class "more alien from the rest of the community than a hostile army". They worked from "flash houses", or havens, in the great

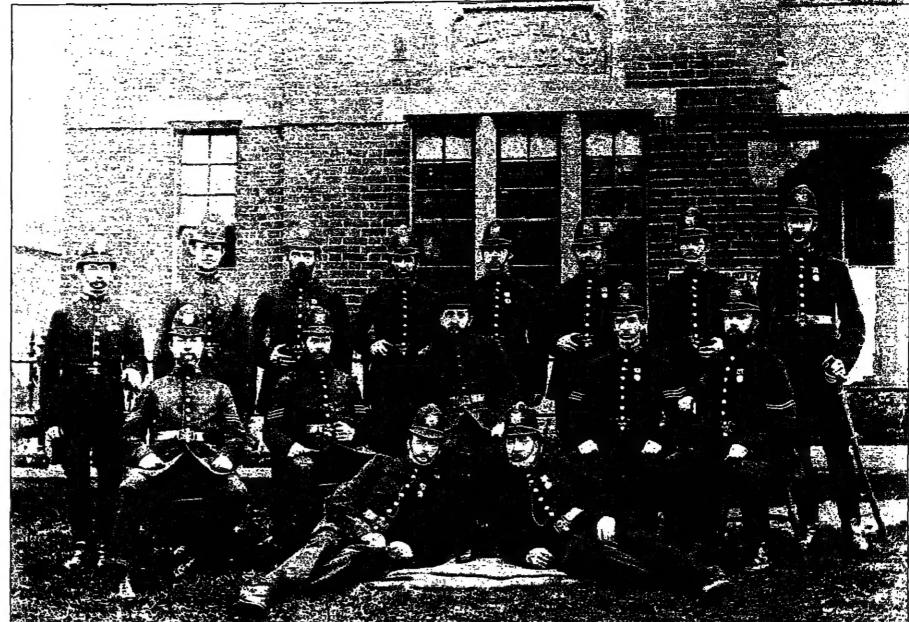


Manchester they huddled in the misnamed Angel Meadow and Deansgate. In Liverpool they were found along the Waterloo Road. Even Bath was said to have its lowlife district.

In the countryside the "Wolds rangers" roamed the East Riding and the "Rodneys" of south Staffordshire lived by robbery. During the summer they might be joined by members of the "swell mob", the cream of the London pickpockets who left the capital for the criminal equivalent of the Grand Tour. They followed the great fairs and race meetings raound the country and were known to travel to the Continent and New York in search

or could the new police be totally reliable. The Chief Constable of Staffordshire accused his men of taking bribes from lawyers looking for work. The old saying, If you want to know the time ask a policeman", comes from the days when the police were suspected of taking timepieces from drunks. In 1855. PC Jesse "Juicy Lips" Jeapes was dismissed by Scotland Yard on suspicion of taking cash from pickpockets. Some of his colleagues were known to stand aside from fights in case they were beaten too.

When the "garrotting" scare struck London in 1862, the police found themselves under new pressure. The Victorian version of today's Rolex raiders and muggers seized their victims from behind in



Metropolitan Police officers in the 1890s, by which time the criminals' "rookeries" had been pulled down and Victorians could walk the streets in greater safety

the street. One would place an arm round his throat and choke him while others stole his cash and valuables. An MP called Hugh Pilkington was attacked by one of the gangs in Pall Mall, unleashing copycat attacks and press hysteria.

The two suspects held for the attack were "ticket of leave" men, convicts released early on the promise of good behaviour. Their

arrest was taken as evidence of the dangers of liberality in a long-running battle in the late 19th century between liberal reformers and the law and order lobby.

They could count on support from hyperbolic magazines such as the Illustrated Police News, which carried garish engravings recon-structing terrible deeds. They were rarely short of copy: mad and masochistic Dr Thomas Cream murdered prostitutes with poison; surburban London trembled at Kate Webster, the Irish cook who killed her mistress in her Surrey home and then boiled the body. In 1884, when Ernest Castle was tried for shooting a constable in Old-ham, he claimed he had been

influenced by trashy literature.

would disagree. The Victorians were copious collectors of statistics and recent research suggests that crime fell year after year from 1850 in the "age of equipoise". Perhaps it was due to the

for believing they were beset by

crime, but modern criminologists

improving economy, or better edu-cation and conditions. The increas-

constable acted as a deterrent. Over and British politicians discovered the theory of zero tolerance, constables were ordered to clean up the streets and get rid of drunkenness and anti-social behaviour. By the 1890s, the rookeries had been pulled down and the "dead lurk-

Serial widow kept death in the family

ary Ann Cotton was the Victorian era's most prolific murderer, poisoning three husbands and more than a dozen children. She killed so many that historians are unsure of the tally: 16 or 21. The motive was often insurance payouts.

People were appalled and she became a bogey-woman as news of the "West Auckland Case" spread in the 1870s. It had everything to chill the Victorian heart and fill the

Illustrated Police News. After her execution in 1873 children in the North East would chant:

Mary Ann Cotton She's dead and she's rotten She lies in her bed With her eyes wide open Sing, sing, oh. what can I

Mary Ann Cotton is tied up

wi' string Where, where? Up in the air Cotton was born in 1832 and brought up in a Co Durham pit village. At 20 she married a navvy. William Mowbray. Her first victims included some of their eight children and in 1865 her husband suffered a bout of diarrhoea so violent that he died in hours. He had taken out insurance

A few months later his widow married an engineer.

In an era not short of killers, she was the most prolific



Mary Ann Cotton:

George Ward, whom she had nursed while working at a Sunderland hospital. He died a year later after a long. mysterious illness said to be gastric fever".

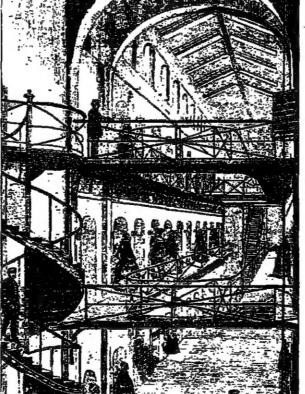
Next she became housekeeper for John Robinson, a shipwright, and his five children. then married him. Four of the stepchildren died from "gastric fever" and Mary Ann disappeared after robbing their father.

Never one to let bigarny stand in her way, she married a pitman. Frederick Cotton, in Newcastle in 1870. A few months later his sister died from "gastric fever". A year after the marriage, Frederick was also gone, then his tenyear-old son and the couple's baby son was struck down. Joseph Nastrass moved in as a lodger-lover. There was another fever and another

death; he left Cotton E10. By July 1872 the only survivor of her latest marriage was her stepson Charles Edward. 7. Locals in West Auckland, where they lived, knew she had taken up with an excise man. She was pregnant and there was talk of marriage. She tried in vain to dump Charles on an uncle.

Six days after saying that the boy was an impediment to her marriage plans, he died and suspicions were roused. At first the death was put down to gastric illness, but a remains and found traces of arsenic. Cotton was arrested

with her new baby. At first she said that she had bought arsenic to kill bugs. Later she blamed the death on fumes from the wallpaper dye. She was convicted in March 1873 of killing the boy, and executed at Durham jail by the septuagenarian hangman Calcraft. She never confessed.



Interior of the House of Detention, Clerkenwell

POLICE MUSEUMS

MANCHESTER'S police station in Newton Street, um. The ongu entrance hall remains, complete with riot gates, and there are exhibitions of police equipment. Upstairs are archives and photographs. The museum is open on Tues-days, 10.30am to 3.30pm, and on other weekdays by ap-pointment; tel 0161-856 3287; fax 0161-856 3286.

A further 29 forces in England and Wales, two in Scotland, and the RUC have museums which can be visited by appointment Brian Estill, Museums Secretary for the Police History Society, will provide information; write to him c/o Devon and Cornwall police headquar-ters, Middlemoor, Exeter

EX2 7HQ. In London, the House of Detention in Clerkenwell was a prison until 1878. It was the scene of an escape attempt by Fenian prisoners in 1867; six people were killed when they blew out the pris-on wall. Visitors can explore the cells and exhibitions. It is open 10am to 6pm every day; £4.50 for adults.

The London Tourist Board has details of guided tours around the scene of Jack the Ripper's bloody deeds in the 1880s in the East End. The advice centres at Victoria and Liverpool Street stations have details; or call 0891 505470.

Ripper farce failed to amuse Victoria

Jack the Ripper's bloody ens, who tre deeds shocked London in 1888. the public wanted to know why the killer was still at large So did Victoria A. message from Windsor Castle to Scotland Yard said: "The Queen fears that the detective force department is not as efficient as it might be."

From the early days of the new police in 1829, emphasis had been placed on uniformed officers preserving public tranquility and preventing crime. Detection was added to the general instructions almost as an afterthought. Amid public fears that the police would become an instrument of state repression, politicians were cautious about plainclothes officers.

By 1842 attitudes had changed after a series of London murders and the disbanding of the Bow Street Runners. A force of eight detectives was appointed at the Yard with the support of campaigners including Dick-

Words. There was little to fête. Forensic science relied on otography and plaster casts of footprints. In 1857 Major General Willam Cartwright, the first inspector of constabu-lary, questioned letting the public buy *Police Gazette*, which circulated details of wanted criminals to all forces. In 1877 three of the four chief inspectors in the detective branch were jailed for corruption after falling into the clutches of two fraudsters running bogus betting establishments. In the aftermath. the force was reorganised. Reformers looked at the French Surete and created the forerunner of today's CID. Candidates had to be welleducated and of "good standing", preferably with a military background or a language. The Yard rapidly found there was no substitute

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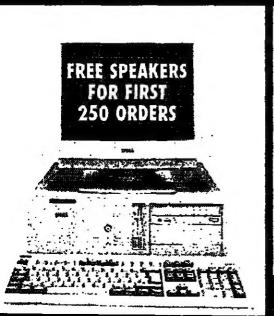


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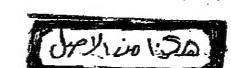
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Students in gap trap can sue for fees, says lawyer

Those who deferred university entry may be able to

claim exemption from charges, reports David Charter

STUDENTS unable to reverse plans for a gap year will be able to bring a legal case against the Government to claim exemption from the first university course fees in 1998. a leading education lawyer

said yesterday.

Jack Rabinowicz said the
Government would inevitably
face a challenge if students who deferred starting at university before its announcement on fees were unable to switch back.
Thousands of teenagers

who originally applied to put off their university place are expected to join the scramble to begin studies this year to avoid the scrapping of grams and introduction of annual £1.000 fees next year. But many will be caught in the so-called "own troot" that out the so-called "own troot" that out to be so-called "own troot to be so-called called "gap trap", shut out from university this October because their courses are already full,

The deadline for university applications was December 15, seven months before the Government's response to Sir Ron Dearing's report on high-er education. Details of a new loan system have yet to be armounced and students starting university from 1998 face average debts of £12,000 at

Fees will not be charged in 1998 for students who start this year, which Mr Rabinowicz, a member of the Educa-



Dearing his reforms face court challenge

try. Around 19,000 are believed to hold offers conditional on A-level results, which come out next Thursday.
These students would have

a reasonable argument because of the concept of legitimate expectation that a. public body would act in a certain way," Mr Rabinowicz said. "It is at least arguable, and possibly more than that, that there was an entitlement to resist fees."

However, a spokesman for the Department for Education and Employment said the educational agreement with

Taking a year out might

the university was separate from the funding arrange-ment with the Government. He added: "The fees regime starts in 1998, so students must make the judgment about whether deterring is more important than the fees. There are issues on which some nettles have to be grasped and now is the time for grasping

Mr Rabinowicz described this statement as "extremely glib". He added: "If the arrangements have already been agreed with the university, you cannot necessarily backtrack. If the Government is not prepared to accommo-

inevitably be litigation."
Organisations which run gap-year activities are worried that fees will put youngsters off. Levinia Bristol, director of Project Trust, which sends teenagers into year-long vol-untary work placements in schools, farms and communities around the world, said the gap-year concept was under threat.

Things are stacking up against people taking a year under the last Government about the desirability of volun-teering, but one does not see much evidence of people tak-ing this seriously. We would be very disappointed if this put people off taking a year out."



Brood pursues a father on the run

By A STAFF REPORTER

BABYSITTING a brood of newly hatched ostriches involves rather more than making sure they go to bed on time. It deman skills more in the line of being able to run at 20mph without stepping on any of the eight-inch high balls of fluff careering around your ankles. It also helps if you can flap our arms like w

In the wild, as soon as chicks are hatched, the father runs off at top speed - followed by his brood, But unless Malvern Hills Children's Zoo can find two volunteers willing to impersonate a male ostrich for two hours a day, the four baby ostriches are unlikely to develop the leg muscles they need, and might even have to be put down. Christopher Cox, who owns the 200 in Welland, Worcestershire, and is the present surrogate parent, said the brood was born later than usual and he needed the babysitters or haby runners - because staff did not have time.

ille III, Deci stop running, the ostriches sit down," he said. "A top athlete like Linford Christie would be ideal but any fit individual who is patient and who doesn't mind flapping

their arms like a bird would

"He or she would have to be

be great. The chicks think you're their father. They have good cyesight, but they are not very clever."

Blunkett seeks to tackle heads shortage

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is seeking increased pay for senior pri-mary school staff to avert an impending shortage of head teachers. David Blunkett will ask the independent teachers' pay body to even up salary difference between primary and secondary schools.

The Education Secretary told the School Teachers' Review Body yesterday to create a grade of Advanced Skills Teacher, with higher pay, to reward those who stay in the classroom rather than seeking a management role, as promised in Labour's election manifesto. He is also seeking to tackle long-standing problems encountered by primary schools in bringing men into the profession and retaining senior staff. Primaries are receiving fewer applications for headships and the number of schools re-advertising posts is rising, according to surveys for The Times Educational Supplement.

Head teachers' pay is closely linked to the numbers of pupils in their school, with the argest primary school paying £33,000 compared with £56,000 at big secondary schools. The Government's pledge to limit infant class sizes to 30 would restrict primary head teachers' pay

under this system.

Mr Blunkett intends that
the Advanced Skills Teachers would help to spread best practice among new teachers. The current classroom pay

"We need to ensure that those who are in the service for 20 to 30 years have a career structure, have hope of improvement without having to go into management and administrative posts. If you are keeping the best in the classroom, if they are sharing their skills with others, then you're achieving the goals we have set out," Mr Blunkett told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

Of the extra £835 million for schools allocated in the Budget. £330 million is expected to go towards next year's teachers' pay award. Teachers' unions reacted angrily to the "super teacher" plans, saying eachers should be ed with extra pay.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "I want teachers to be rewarded for the job they do and to be given financial recognition for the demands that are placed on them. That's something I want for all teachers."

The review body will make its recommendations on pay levels in time for the next pay round, in February.

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claim her place this autumn only to be told the course was

Ms Minton, who is waiting gap year based on the system to hear if she has gained the of free tuition and student two As and a B Leeds requires, grants have been put in "a

field, which wants an A and leads University agreed to in October but will not know
Daisy Minton's request before for certain until the A-level results are published.

"I really don't know what to this year out," Ms Minton, picking in Italy to help to pay her way.

The 18-year-old from Hudred adviser thinks I should recommend an ouncement on fees to my A levels and just wanted a claim her place this statement. break from studying."

She believes the thousands of students who applied for a

voter, she said that she felt betrayed by the Government's decision to introduce tuition fees and end student grants.

When I made my decision to delay going to university, I was completely unaware that the year out might cost me up my results, before I face the

most frantic clearing procedure eyer known, I am told seriously to reconsider my decision. I think it is outrageous that I made a crucial decision before knowing the facts of whether to try to cancel my time out. The stress is incredible waiting for A-level results and has only been increased by the Government's decision."

Charcoal fuels monkey boom

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

RED colobus monkeys in diet. All colobus monkeys Zanzibar have developed a cat young leaves, which are craving for charcoal, appar often full of compounds craving for charcoal, apparently because it enables them to cat plants that would otherwise poison

The monkeys eat up to 5 grams of charcoal a day. according to the American zoologists Thomas Strohsaker and David Cooney. The small animals get the charcoal from burnt trees and paim stumps, aban-doned kilns and the hearths

POLICE found stolen property worth thousands of pounds when they raided the homes of such as phenols and tan-nins. While the charcoal ab-sorbs only a third as much toxin as commercially avail-able activated charcoal, it baggage handlers at Manchester Airport after a surveillance operation on the international terminals.

dearly helps.

Dr. Struhsaker says the monkeys now eat the leaves of the Indian almond and mango trees, both of which contain potent toxins. The result was that the popula tion of the monkeys was of villagers. Shooting up, to more than Charcoal has the effect of 700 per square kilometre, soaking up toxins in the he told New Scientist.

Stolen property seized in raids on baggage handlers

during the previous week.

Officers from the Greater

Manchester force's tactical

operations unit simultaneous-

ly searched houses in Cheadle.

Choriton cum Hardy, Denton,

Hale, Stretford and Wyth-

enshawe. Yesterday they were

beginning the difficult task of

tracing the owners of the

stolen goods. They will be checking items against their

week were being reported missing. The goods seized in the raids on Tuesday are believed to have been taken

Among the goods recovered were cameras, jewellery, bin-oculars, clothing and personal stereos. Five men aged between 20 and 40 were arrested then released on bail. They work for Sigma Aviation (UK) Ltd. No one from the baggage handling firm was available for comment yesterday. Undercover police kept watch at the airport for several weeks after an increase in records and plan to set up a thefts from passengers' lugdephone helpline. gage. About a hundred items a

Chief Inspector Tim Burgess, based at Manchester Airport, said yesterday: "I'm delighted that professional policework by skilled officers has given us the first successes in tackling this problem. The difficulty for the police

in the past has been in establishing where thefts have taken place - whether at Manchester or while baggage was in transit. This operation seems to indicate that there is a problem here which we are

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Global warming poses no threat to

one architect, reports Nick Nuttall

THERE was a time when Neil also found that wheat straw Winder's grand plan for an is better than barley straw for environmentally sound home filtering out grease. seemed to be going down the pan. And coming back up

After a year long trial, Mr Winder, who has designed his own green home, disclosed that the family's eco-friendly lavatory had needed orgent modification after becoming somewhat malodorous. Another difficulty was the water-filtering system de-signed to purify bath and kitchen effluent through read beds, which became clogged

Undeterred, Mr Winder, an architect whose house is at Palgrave, Suffolk, introduced the waste water runs first. He concrete stilts which sit on

The lavatory, which is designed to save water and help to compost the sewage for use as garden fertiliser, is flushed by throwing straw and mugfuls of sawdust down the pan. A smell and a fly problem was completely overcome by altering the flue," Mr Winder said

The walls of the four-bedroom house are filled with an Sin layer of recycled paper, which enables it to breathe so it can respond quickly to temperature changes. The house is heated by a three-tun

stove burning wood. The house stands up to 24 ft



Neil Winder outside his environmentally sound home

foundations of individual concrete pads. The stilts will protect the building against flash floods and subsidence. "With senarate concrete pads as foundations it means we will not have any problems planting trees or plants near the house," Mr Winder said. a straw trap through which above ground on a dozen. During hot summers the leaves of climbing plants

to filter heat out of the air. The leaves will not be there in the winter when we want to let in more light."

The house also has a strengthened roof with additional timbers and clay pantiles held in place by extra nails to withstand gales. Mr Winder included timber gutsize to cope with storms, which he fears may become more common. Mr Winder has designed

sensors to seal off the electricity supply to bedrooms after the lights are turned off to minimise electro-magnetic fields, which some scientists believe might cause cancer. The house cost Mr Winder

about £68,000 to build, the equivalent of a conventional brick home. He paid a farmer £39,000 for the 0.6 acre plot after getting planning permis-sion from Mid Sutfolk Council, which was runner-up in a contest to find Britain's greenest council. The predictions are that

weather is going to get much more extreme," Mr Winder said. "I feel we ought to be thinking about how to deal with the problem now rather than waiting until our houses

Pakistan loses faith in democracy as dream turns sour

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

A THIRD of Pakistanis, sick of corrupt politicians and de-crepit democracy, favour a return to dictatorship: a startling finding as the country prepares for its 50th birthday next week. The "impossible dream" of Pakistan, realised by Muhammad Ali Jinnah. remains for millions today an unfulfilled promise.

The Islamic state - Jinnah never wanted it to become one. but that betrayal of the father of the nation is glossed over — is in a deep crisis that can only be described in superlatives. so dire are its problems. The country's very survival is at stake as Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, holds in his grasp the power to destroy or save what is left of public faith in elected government.

None of his towering promises in February's general election has been fulfilled. least of all the promise of clean government. His first admin-istration, in power from 1990 to 1993 was the most corrupt the country has known, and nothing indicates that his new Government is any better. It has 39 ministers with the rank of them the same people who a nation state and a political



continues apace. The mood on the streets is

angry. Unprecedented food riots in April, when the provinces of North West Frontier. Sindh and Baluchistan ran short of wheat, were a reminder of how close Pakistan is to calamity. Islamic extremists have most to gain from this nationwide despair. Dictator-ships have failed, democracy is failing, and there seems nowhere to turn: fertile ground for the religious Right. although it is enfeebled by

divisions within its own ranks. "I am frightened of what will happen to Pakistan if Nawaz Sharif fails." Najam Sethi, Editor of the respected Friday Times. said. "Fifty years down the line, we stand on the brink. By now we should have cobbled together

system that works, India did it in ten years, but we haven't we done it in 50. We are still floundering."

Pakistan lacks India's sense of roots and identity. India assumed the history of the subcontinent in 1947, as well as the key institutions of government, banking and politics, leaving the new na-tion with nothing but the army - still the ultimate power - to hold it together. It even started life without a currency: legions of workers rubber-stamped mountains of Indian banknotes with the word "Pakistan" until the new nation was able to design and print its

it took 23 years to hold the first free election, which ush-ered in a civilian despot, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, hanged by the military nine years later. Democracy has never been allowed to last. There have been five periods of full or partial martial law, lasting 18 years, six abortive military coups and three periods under states of emergency. Only one president has completed his term. prime ministers have been

nated, one executed, and eight parliaments have been prematurely dissolved.

Partition in 1947 was victory for Islamic nationalism, a tragedy for India, and neither country observes the anniversary next week with any real sense of celebration: India because independence was coupled with amoutation, Pakistan because so many dreams are unfulfilled. The Friday Times found in a survey to be published later this week that 21 per cent of people favour military dictatorship, 14 per cent civilian

Jinnah, monocled, suited and in a tie, drank liberally, chain-smoked (Craven A. which helped kill him) and showed no religious inclinations. His doctor said he had survived for a decade on willpower, whisky and cigarettes". So removed was he from the masses that he could not deliver his speeches in

His dream of creating Pakistan may never have been realised had one secret leaked out: he was dying in the run-



A surface to surface missile launcher is paraded past a portrait of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Pakistan's founder, during rehearsals for independence celebrations

bought time had they known, aware that without Jinnah the dream would remain impossible. There would, additionally, never have been a Bangladesh, and India would not have lost two limbs.

Delhi: A senior Indian provincial government official. has lost his job for calling Jinnah a hero of the Indian independence struggle, the Indian Express reported yester-day. Govind Swaroop has

Maharashtra's cultural affairs secretary by the state government after he described Jinnah a "great freedom fighter" on a television programme, the paper said. (AFP)

WORLD SUMMARY

Cambodia prince replaced

Pinom Penh: Cambodia's politicians have elected Ung Huot, 52 the former Foreign Minister, as the country's new Prime Minister (Caroline Gluck writes). He replaces Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was overthrown in a military coup last month by Hun Sen, his rival co-Prime

The MPs voted by 86 to 4, with 6 abstentions, in a secret hallot to accept Ung Huot's nomination. He is regarded by many as a non-confronta-tional and somewhat mallea-

Hun Sen said that the parliamentary vote showed that democracy was alive and well in Cambodia.

Naked MP 'did nothing wrong'

Sydney: Alan Corbett, a mem-ber of the New South Wales state parliament who was elected on a platform of promoting family values, said there was nothing wrong with his swimming naked with his girlfriend and six-year-old son

in a partiamentary pool.

He said be decided to strip when he arrived and found his girlfriend and son swimming naked, although he knew that there was a sign at the pool saying MPs "should be appro-priately dressed". (Renter)

Concert deaths

Lima: Two girls died and another 107 fans were injured at an overcrowded outdoor Latin American music concert, Peruvian police said. Hysteria among the 100,000 audience turned to chaos when the duo Servando y Florentino, came back on stage for an encore after their show. The Home Show park has a capacity for 40,000 people. (Reuter)

Freedom move

Grozny: Taking steps to re-duce Russian control and increase the country's independence before he meets President Yeltsin for talks, President Maskhadov of Chechnya announced that the republic will begin issuing its own passports and vehicle number-plates and will open an embassy in Moscow. (AP)

Mother's despair

Sanaa: The 40-year-old wife of an unemployed Yemeni drowned their five small children in a pond out of despair at their poverty, according to the Yemeni Times. The paper said the woman killed the children, aged between 18 months and nine years, one by one. She later tried to bury them. (AFP)

Graveyard shift

Beijing: China has issued regulations banning cemeteries in many areas to conserve cremation to be the standard funeral practice, newspapers reported here. The move is the latest step in a campaign to stop burials nationwide. (AP)

Landslide body

Thredbo: Rescuers have found another body, the fif-teenth, in the rubble of last week's landslide at this Australian ski village. Three people are still missing in the mud and wreckage of two ski lodges. (Rewer)

Learning by stoat

Wellingson: Stoats won a high-jump contest with leaps of more than 6h in tests to protective fence for a planned bird sapetuary — beating rats, cats and possums. (AP)

Futile mountain conflict as neighbours fight over glacier



IN PAKISTAN-CONTROLLED SIACHEN

THE silence of the snow-covered mountain peaks is broken by the thunder of intermittent artillery fire. At 20.000ft, even in summer, the temperature is between -20C and -30C. and normal breathing can be difficult. The troops of Pakistan and India continue to fight one of the world's toughest battles.

The two countries' forces exchange more than 800 rounds of artillery fire every day to try to consolidate their and combat. Seventy-five per cent of positions on the Sjachen Glacier, the casualties are caused by the harsh

vegetation. The cost of war in human lives and financial resources is exorbitant. but neither bitter rival is ready to give up its claim over a terrain which has little strategic value.

For 13 years the two armies have been locked in battle over the glacier. Despite the latest peace moves by the leaders of India and Pakistan, there seems to be no lessening of hostility on

Both countries have lost thousands of soldiers to bad weather conditions

majority of victims experience frostbite, altitude sickness and cerebral and pulmonary swellings. Many suffer from psychological problems. The battle for the Siachen Glacier

has caused a massive drain on the scarce resources of the two countries. Millions of pounds are spent to maintain supply lines to high-altitude snow-covered military posts. The only link with the front line is by helicopter. Snowstorms often break all supply

Pakistan military commanders admit that it is a futile war with very

tion of futility has not been translated into a serious move to end the war.
The Siachen conflict flared in 1984

when India and Pakistan moved their armies forward in the demilitarised zone, and established their positionson the glacier.

They almost agreed to pull back their troops to pre-conflict positions in 1989, but the move was stalled as tension heightened over the Himalayan state of Kashmir.

The conflict will top the agenda when the countries' foreign secretaries meet in Delhi next month.

Refugees will be able to go home'

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TWO of the signatories of the Dayton peace accord agreed yesterday that the return of Bosnian refugees to their homes would be slower than they hoped, but reaffirmed the right of all to go back.

President Tudjman of Croatia and President Izetbegovic of Bosnia met in Split to coordinate their positions before the arrival of Richard Holbrooke, the American convenor of the Dayton summit. Mr Holbrooke arrived in the Adriatic resort yesterday to warn the Balkan leaders that the West was losing patience.

In a joint statement signed after their meeting the two leaders promised further cooperation, on the peace plan. Their meeting came only a few days after drunken rioting and intimidation by Croats prevented about 500 Muslim refugees from returning to their houses in Jajce. Both men have also been warned by European ministers that they face sanctions if they continue

to flout the Dayton accord. Mr Izerbegovic tried to downplay the failure by all three ethnic groups to over-come their difference by saying: "We had overestimated the possibility of implement-ing something like the return of refugees."

Cape Town enlists Sexy Boys and | France sees danger The Firm in bid for 2004 Olympics

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN CAPE TOWN

THE Olympics will create jobs; we support the Olympics." says Rashied Staggie. joining in the general hype aimed at attracting the 2004 Olympic Games to Cape

Mr Staggie is not just another municipal politician plugging his city's bid: he is the head of one of Cape Town's toughest criminal gangs, the Hard Livings, and is believed to control the cocaine trade in the whole Vestern Cape region. Mr Staggie's testimony is

just one more sign of how desperately hard South Africa is trying to attract the Olympics to Cape Town. Even in the rival cities of Johannesburg and Durban there are posters saying: "If Cape Town wins, we all win." Indeed, the whole country has entered into the emotional struggle to mount Africa's first Olympics.

There are many problems about Cape Town's bid. Realistically. South Africa's en-trant should have been Durban, which has a far better climate during the Olympic months, more hotel rooms and better sports facilities. But Cape Town is South Africa's mother city in much the same way that Boston is America's and that always made it an emotionally more

plausible bidder. It is one of the world's most beautiful cities, but the climate in June-December is cold, windy and wet. The city has only 400 registered taxis, only 1.200 buses, which are used mainly by the poor and the foolhardy. and a rail network that many are scared to travel on. The city's Olympic Bid

Committee estimates that up to 300,000 people would visit the city every day in Olympic year and yet the city has only 18,000 hotel beds. More worrying still, in the last week of the 1996 Olympics 600,000 people a day poured through Atlanta airport and even patriotic locals doubt the ability of Cape Town airport to handle a tenth of that number.

South Africa is suffering a national neurosis over the bid for other reasons, though. First, South Africa is deeply conscious of the isolation inflicted on the country by the apartheid period and Cape Town's ability to capture the Olympics has become a question of whether the country can successfully reintegrate itself into the world beyond. Moreover, Cape Town has become South Africa's most

fashionable city, home to Earl

Spencer. Diana, Princess of Wales's brother, and interna-

tional celebrities. A flight of



A young member of The Americans, one of the gangs backing the bid

upper-income whites from Joinnesburg towards Cape Town is in progress, so that if Cape Town is not adjudged good enough for the Olympics, South Africa as a whole will feel that it has been found

wanting. Most of all. South Africa worries that its crime wave is driving away foreign investment and tourism. Hence the appearance of the strange figure of Mr Staggie. Cape Town has the highest incidence of rape in the world and the second-highest murder rate after Johannesburg. Moreover, the Cape Flats

have long been plagued by

gang warfare on an infamous scale. Apart from the Hard Livings, there are the Sexy Boys, the Americans, the Scorpions and The Firm. The leaders of all these gangs have been organised by Mr Staggie into the Community Outreach Forum and collectively they are promising to cut back on murder, robbery, rape, van-dalism and child prostitution to boost the city's Olympic

Only the gangsters can restore security in the communities they have terrorised." says Ivan Waldeck, a leader of the forum, who says that his life has been changed (after a ten-year jail sentence for murder) by what he calls an

"holistic" revelation. The forum, he claims, has reformed about 130 gangs with 90,000 members. They were all products of apartheid he says, and are now willing to

change. Michael Fuller, finance director of the Olympic Bid Committee, cordially welcomes the gangsters' support, but the police remain scepti-cal. "For the moment crime is still being perpetrated and there is no significant change. The official position is that police do not talk with gangsters," a police spokesman

of fundamentalism in Comoros revolt

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH politicians warned yesterday that growing demands for a resumption of French rule over the Comoros islands in the Indian ocean could destabilise the entire region and play into the hands of Islamic fundamentalists.

With the secessionist revolt spreading from Anjouanto Moheli, two of the four islands that make up the Comoran archipelago, what began as an odd, even flattering anachronism is fast turning into an embarrassing crisis for France. The islands declared independence in 1975, with the exception of Mayotte which voted by referendum to re-

main French.
Envious of the comparative prosperity of Mayotte, proFrench secessionists on Anjouan last Sunday declared their independence from the Comoros Islamic Federal Republic and appointed a provisional government. Riot police yesterday clashed with demonstrators on the smaller island of Moheli, after they raised the French triculour over government buildings:

The separatists in Fomboni. the main town on Moheli, were reported to have hoisted the yellow-and-black flag of Queen Fatima Djoumbe, the

last ruler of Moheli before colonisation.

France, which is seeking military disengagement from its former African colonies, has refused to heed the calls for a return to French rule, insisting the situation is a matter for the government in Moroni on Grande Comore, the largest island. Jacques Godfrain, a minis-

ter in France's previous conservative Government, warned that the situation should not be treated lightly. "Iran is among the countries bordering on the Indian Ocean, and the situation in an Islamic republic in the heart of the Indian Ocean must be followed with the closest atten-tion," he said:

Noting that the three independent Comoros islands are "envious" of their French neighbour, M Godfrain said that "maintaining levels of development in the three islands is essential to prevent feelings of inequality in com-parison with Mayotte."

Meanwhile, the new leader in Anjouan, Abdullah Ibra-him, yesterday held the first meeting of his "cabinet" which ordered a check into the amount of money left in government coffers.

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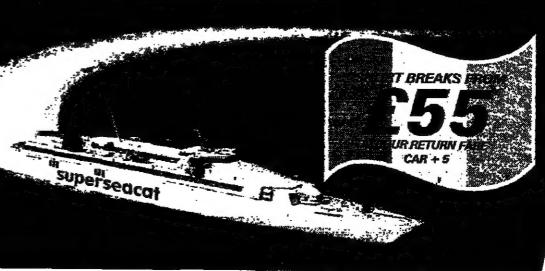
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broke down in despair.

At Agana, relatives confronted Shim Im Tack. Kore-

gies and technical information. we need now," an elderly man said. "Tell us about the fate of our loved ones before discuss-

ing black boxes and such."
"Some people have still a bit
of hope here," another middleaged Korean man said, urging the airline to publish the names of survivors.

Had the jet continued flying for another 30 seconds there would have been massive death on the ground", said Ray Gibson, a radio producer who lives near the crash site. "It would have gone into

The last words: 'I can make it'

The pilot of the ill-fated Korean Air Boeing 747 re-portedly said "I can make it before his plane crashed into the Guam jungle, Kore-an residents said.

The residents told arriving reporters that they had learnt of the pilot's last words from the control tower at Guam international airport. The report could firmed (AFP)

neighbourhoods, into homes instead of hills and grass." As an 18-member investigative team from the National Transportation Salety Board arrived in Guam yesterday it emerged that in addition to being without a "glide slope indicator" to aid incoming aircraft, the international airan Air's vice-president, at a port is the only one in the US hotel meeting. It's not apole-certified to receive wide-bod-

ied jets that uses contracted air traffic controllers, rather than Federal Aviation Administra-

By nightfall yesterday, after a 17-hour search, 69 bodies had been pulled from the charred scrub and saw grass on Nimitz Hill, three miles from the airport, where the plane skidded through undergrowth for hundreds of yards, rupturing a nearby fuel pipeline and disintegrating.

The last survivor was rescued aroung noon yesterday and the grim search for the bodies of more than 150 pas-sengers still unaccounted for - many of them honeymooners and tourists from Korea was expected to resume at first light today.

Within minutes of the disaster, a few passengers were stumbling from their seats through thick smoke. Hong Hyon Song, in a firstclass seat in Row 13, said he felt the plane's undercarriage go down and thought the flight had landed. I thought the plane was

skidding off the runway to the grass near by," he said, "but when I looked out I saw trees rushing past the windows. Then suddenly there was a being and the plane hit the ground. "As I tried to get out of the

plane in a hurry, fearing pulled my foot. It was dark but I knew a lady was there. I pulled her arms and got out by clearing away the leaves around. I was worried the plane might explode." Mr Hong told the Korea returned to the wreckage to doctors on the scene, said at a shout for more survivors. "Children shouted for help." rescued unhurz. he said. "I asked them 'how

Wreckage of Korean Air's Flight 801 lies strewn across Sasa Valley in Guam yesterday. The crash is being blamed on a combination of bad weather, equipment failure and pilot error

But with the remains of the fuselage on fire, he was unable A six-year old girl elsewhere in the plane was more fortunate, pounding on the inside

many? and they said 'four'."

Victims' families protest to airline

By GILES WHITTELL AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

of a window to attract rescuers' attention. Her mother, sitting beside

her, had suffered a crushed pelvis and did not survive, Mike Lanser, one of the first

press conference. The girl was Several badly-burned survi-

vors were being prepared at Guam's civilian and naval hospitals for air evacuation to specialist burns units in America.

"There was a rumble." said Rudy DeLos-Santos, a radio reporter living nearby. "My whole apartment started to vibrate. It seemed like an earthquake."

Looking out of his window, Mr DeLos-Santos said he saw

the silhouette of an airliner. "It ministrator of Guam's US came down and the belly Naval hospital, received 19 casualties within hours of the skimmed the trees, and then a big ball of red-orange fire crash as emergency proceerupted under the plane, it dures last rehearsed in April just dived into the ground and went into action. "The only thing I have seen like this was skidded for maybe a minute through the jungle," Mr Dein Vietnam," he said. Aviation experts speculated

vesterday that because a

Boeing 747 had been substitut-

ed on the ill-fated flight for the

Airbus normally used on that

route by Korean Air, its flight

crew may have been inexperi-

enced in the approach to

Los-Santos added. Burning bodies were thrown clear of the wreckage into deep mud and saw grass up to 15 ft high, through which military rescue teams struggled for up to four hours from

Captain David Wheeler, ad-

'Flames were melting fuselage'

BY GILES WHITTELL

FEW saw Flight 801's final moments, but Carl Gutierrez, the Governor of Guam, was among the first on the scene. It was the start of a 22-hour ordeal that cast him by turns as the chief rescuer. for the stricken island.

"When we got there the wreckage was burning," he told NBC. "It was 2 am. The flame was melting the fuselage and I knew the people in the mid-section were not going to make it."

said, he did not believe that there would be any survivors. "Then we heard screams of people crying for attention."

The Governor and some of his staff scrambled down a 45-degree slope and through thick jungle to a section of wreckage from the front of the plane. There he rescued five people, including a New Zealand helicopter me-chanic who was able to walk from his seat in row 19, said Ginger Cruz. his spokeswoman. Among the others were an injured flight attendant and an IIyear-old Japanese girl, Rika Matsuda. But he was unable to help the girl's mother. "She was dead in the flames." Mr Gutierrez said.



A young survivor is pulled from the wreckage of the Korean Air jet by rescue workers on the island of Guam

Disaster flight was hit by stormy weather and technical problems

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

AS HOPES faded yesterday

that more survivors would be

found in the wreckage of Korean Air Flight 801, investi-

gators turned to the jet's two "black boxes" and to the

stories of miraculous escape in

the hope of explaining the

At least two passengers were able to walk away from

the jet, which was carrying 254. In all, 32 passengers went

by helicopter to island hospitals. Four later died as US

Navy engineers led the search

for bodies, and it was thought

others might not survive.
President Kim Young Sam

of South Korea spoke of the

"overflowing sorrow" of vic-

tims' relatives gathered at

Distraught relatives in

Seoul and Agana, the capital of Guam, protested over the

confusion that surrounded the.

fate of passengers as the airline said it could not con-

firm the exact number of

survivors and could not re-

The protesters also com-

plained that casualty figures which put the number of

survivors at up to 50, raised

Rush-hour traffic in Securi came to a standstill during a

30-minute protest near Kimpo

The protesters in Seoul were

among 500 relatives who

waited all day at a Korean Air

building for word on the fate

of their loved ones. Some

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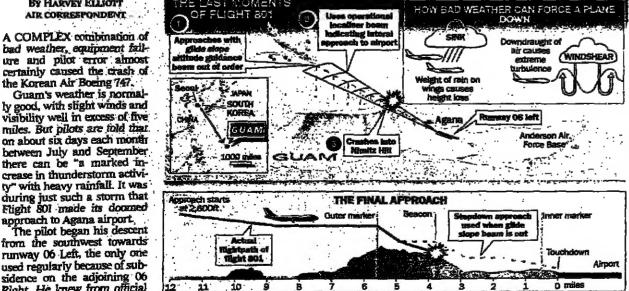
Seoul's Kimpo airport.

A COMPLEX combination of bad weather, equipment fail-ure and pilot error almost certainly caused the crash of the Korean Air Boeing 747. Guam's weather is normally good, with slight winds and visibility well in excess of five miles. But pilots are told that. on about six days each month between July and September there can be "a marked increase in thunderstorm activity" with heavy rainfall. It was during just such a storm that

approach to Agana airport.
The pilot began his descent from the southwest towards runway 06 Left, the only one used regularly because of subsidence on the adjoining 06 Right. He knew from official notices that the equipment that should keep the aircraft at the right height and on the correct glide slope towards the airport was switched off for maintenance. That was not unusual and on official charts pilots are told the minimum visibility they must have to land when the equipment is out of order. For a big aircraft like the Boeing 747-300, which had been delivered to Korean Air by Boeing in December 1984 and had completed 8,433 landings, the minimum was a

With the glide slope equipment out of order, pilots have to follow a chart showing how to descend using a step landing". But most airlines ban any attempt at landing at night when the glide slope beam is not working, however good the visibility.

The pilot could have diverted to the neighbouring well equipped USAF Andersen hase or flown on towards the



island of Saipan. But he chose to land as scheduled.

As he flew over the coast at about 3,000ft, the aircraft was engulied in torrential rain. In such extreme tropical

conditions aircraft can be hit by a phenomenon known as wind shear, a powerful downdraught of air that has a similar effect as water pouring from a tap then bouncing back up from the ground. In a split second the aircraft is first thrust upwards, then faces a . strong nose wind. Then a huge downward force slams it towards the ground, followed, if

it survives, by a tail blast. The weight of the rain itself can also force aircraft below the proper altitude. The wings of a Boeing 747 are so huge that in extreme conditions the weight of rainwater is sufficient to push it downwards.

It is not yet known if one, or even both, of these meteorological conditions contributed

to the crash. But what is known is that the aircraft was about 600ft lower than it should have been three miles from touchdown.

The peak to the southwest of Guam rises 1.190ft above the runway, but is slightly offset from the centreline. Official charts say that at that stage of the approach the aircraft must be at a minimum height of 1,608ft - about 500ft above the highest peak, which should be on the aircraft's right.

The pilot of Flight 801, however, had veered slightly off course so that he was a few hundred yards to the right of the centreline of the runway. Investigators want to estab-

lish whether he was pushed out of alignment by the wea-ther, why he carried on to-wards a landing in such conditions with vital equipment out of order and if he knew exactly where he was. As the jet flew over a marker.

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four miles from the runway the pilot would have heard a bleep indicating that he was now on the final descent. Seconds later ~ 1.6 miles nearer the airport - he would have received a visual warning that he had passed over the main beacon.

At that point he was able to descend below 1,184ft and make the final approach to the runway. Did he begin the descent a mile too soon?

The plane's distance-measuring equipment should have plotted its position in relation to the runway, his co-pilot should have been reading the charts and calling out the minimum height that he should have been maintaining. The landing gear was down and the landing lights were on.

They would have been on the ground within two minutes. Instead they hit the hillside at about 160mph.



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Kohl's economy hopes dashed by jobs figures

level. The total number of un-

The cost of unemployment

in terms of dole payments and

heavily on the public sector

deficit. Even the Finance Min-

istry's often revised estimates

for this year look likely to be

Christian Democrats' leading

financial experts, said yester-

day that it was not necessary

to meet precisely the 3 per cent

public deficit target for the

record high of 968.177. How-

ever, the National Institute of

Statistics said the jobless rate during the second quarter of

1997 was 20.94 per cent of the

active population, down from

21.49 per cent during the first

quarter. The number out of

work between April and June

was 3,364,900. (AFP)

Friedrich Merz, one of the

employed is 4.35 million.

UNEMPLOYMENT in Ger- said yesterday that 131,800 many remained at stubbornly high levels last month, dashing Helmut Kohl's hopes of a rapid turnaround in the job market and underlining the country's problems in containing the public sector deficit. 10.2 per cent last year.

Added to political stalemate on tax and other reforms, an eight-year record low of the mark against the dollar and signs that the east German economy is not recovering quickly enough, yesterday's jobless figures highlighted the difficulties of the Chancellor as he struggles to meet European economic and monetary union targets.

Pressure is increasing on the Bundesbank to raise interest rates: analysts say that a rate of DM 1.90 to the dollar is the critical moment and the rate reached DM LS8 this week. Pressure is also increasing on the Government to show that the flickering signs of economic recovery, largely led by exporters, will translate

into more jobs.
The Federal Labour Office

more Germans were unemployed last month than in June, and 442.600 more than in July last year. The unemployment rate last month was 11.4 per cent compared with

The authorities blamed the rise largely on early summer holidays and pre-holiday lay-offs: the seasonally adjusted figure was closer to 17,000 job losses. But the adjusted figure understates the real structural problems: unemployment is

continuing to rise quickly in eastern Germany, while in the west it is stabilising at a high euro. "The decisive thing is the trend, not getting the arrow in the bull's eye," he said. The

Spaniards come off dole

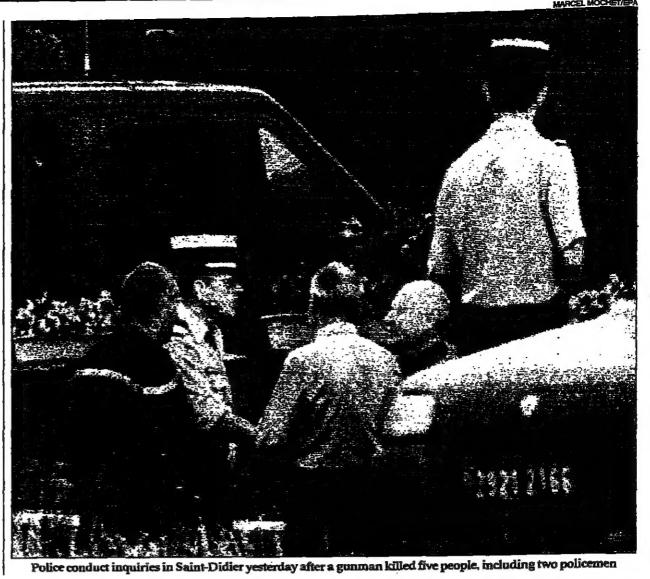
Madrid: Unemployment in Spain dipped below 13 per-cent of the working popula-tion in July for the first time since 1981, the Labour Minis-

The country officially had 2,009,232 out of work at the end of the month, when the number of new jobs hit a Government, though agreeing with that sentiment, is not making such statements in public. The official line is that the target is 3 per cent and the 3 per cent target will be

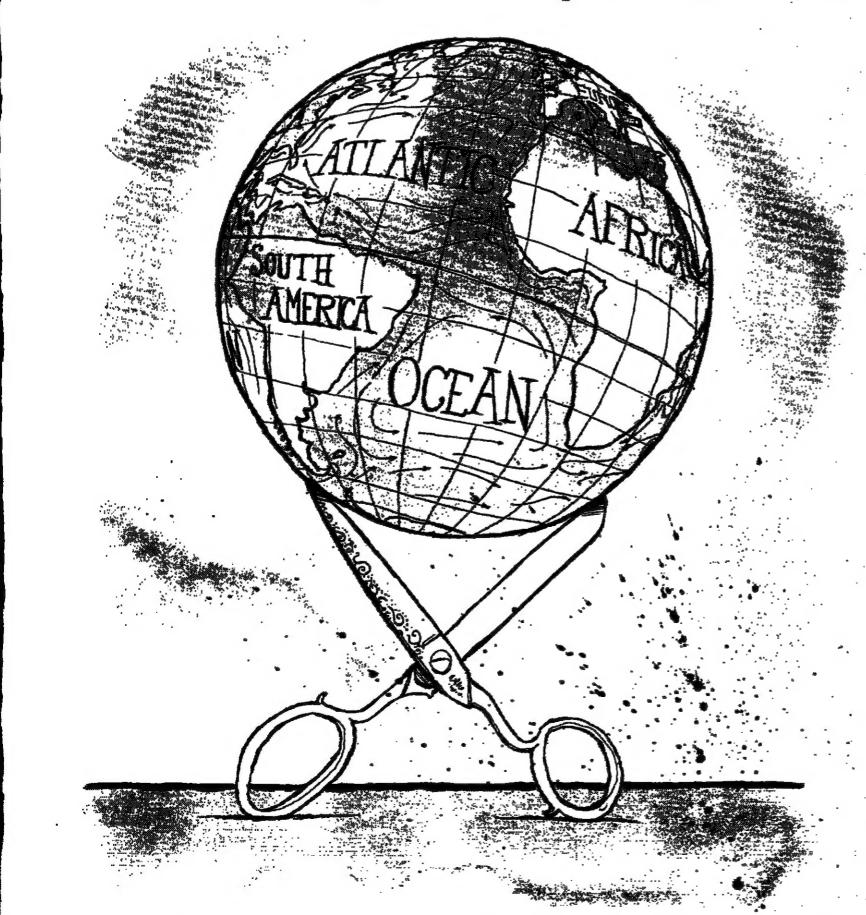
In the rush to qualify for the euro, the Government has not been concentrating on the fun-damental problem: the deep and continuing inefficiency of the east German economy.
This was demonstrated

compiled by three of Germany's leading economic insti-tutes. East German companies have failed to secure a national or international presence, the economists say, and so are not benefiting from the export-led recovery in the

Costs in the east are still too high, services are under-developed and most companies are too small. Most east German companies, the report says, do business within east Germany and not beyond.



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Five shot dead in Brittany by spurned lover

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A WEALTHY French businessman went on a murderous rampage in a village of northwest France, killing five people including two police-men and the family of his estranged girlfriend, in what police describe as a crime passionnel.

At around 6.30pm on Tues-day, Joseph Allain, SS, left his château in Saint-Didier, ten miles from Rennes in Brittany, and stormed into the nearby family home of his former lover, schoolteacher Solange Briet.

M Allain, proprietor of a fuel distribution company in nearby Chateaugiron, opened fire with a shotgun as the family sat at the dinner table. handicapped younger brother. Mme Briet, 36, was seriously wounded, but managed to flet to a neighbour's house. Two paramilitary

darmes arrived minutes later. to find M Allain, apparently unarmed and prepared to surrender, standing on the lawn of the house. He raised his arms and said "I'm coming with you," according to a police statement. As they ap-proached, however, he seized his gun from a bush where it was hidden.

The two policemen, aged 31 and 33, were killed before they could draw their revolvers. A third gendarme, who had gone to tend to the injured woman house, heard the shots

M Allain, having used up his ammunition, drew a knife and lunged at him. The two men struggled before the officer managed to shoot and disable his serillant. disable his assailant

The killer and Mme Briet were in hospital yesterday. Both were described as in a stable condition.

Police say M Allain appears violent argument with Mme Briet's parents. The older man teacher for only a few weeks. according to news reports, but neighbours said that the relahad deteriorated

lieved to have been going

Bodies reveal site of Pericles's speech

IN ATHENS

ARCHAEOLOGISTS in Ath ens have found what they believe are the remains of Athenian soldiers who died fighting Sparta in the opening years of the 5th Century BC ing whose funeral Pericles could have delivered his famous speech praising Athens as the school of Greece".

The charred bones from the mass graves in Salaminos Street, less than a mile from the Acropolis, have been identified as those of young men. The site corrresponds almost exactly to the Demosion Sema, the main road out of Athens. Historians mention a spot on the road reserved for oldiers. Pericles delivered his funeral oration there in 430BC for those killed in the



Pericles: said Athens was 'school of Greece'

first year of the 27-year war. soldiers were interred on the are from that period," snic ologist leading the excavatio

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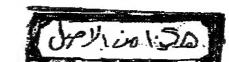
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City hopes another rate rise will be avoided

STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

CITY investors are keeping their fingers crossed that another rise in interest rates today can be avoided. Yesterday they went on a huge spending spree that sent share prices soaring to their highest levels. At the same time, the pound lost ground from recent highs against the dollar and the mark.

Sterling's trade-weighted index fell a steep 1.8 points to close at 103.9, reflecting a fall against the dollar from \$1.6268 to \$1.6020 and against the mark from DM3.0564 to

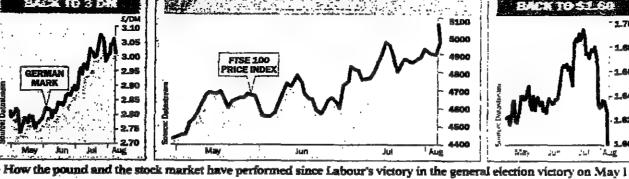
The pound turned round from its recent peaks in the belief by dealers that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee may choose to leave interest rates unchanged after its two-day meeting that concludes at lunchtime today,

Share prices, meanwhile, were supported by sharp opening gains on Wall Street and a

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record 5,026.2. By contrast, the FTSE 250 rose just 18.7 to 4,517.3, confirming that once stream of strong results from a number of top companies. The FISE 100 index convincingly breached the 5,000 level for the again demand was focused almost entirely first time and closed just a shade below its on blue chips. In the past 12 months, the best of the day. It finished 65.6 higher at a market has grown 31 per cent, with strong

demand for domestic earners such as the banks. Yesterday's slide in the pound refocused support on cyclical issues such as engineers and exporters. It is believed that Eddie George, the

anxious to damp down the economy, which has seen spending in the shops start to race away on the back of building society windfall payments totalling 529 billion.

But some economists have expressed lears that further rises in interest rates could undermine the economy by sending it sliding back into recession

Richard Jeffrey, chief Charterhouse, the merchant bank, is concerned about the stock market's recent dramatic rise. The market is very vulnera-ble. It is being driven higher by rising liquidity levels and not by improving fundamentals. It will be difficult to sustain the rest of this year with interest rates pushing progressively higher," he said.

The pound's weakness was also good news for government securities, where prices grew by about \$4 at the longer end.

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Hong Kong

deal for

Brooks

Brothers

By JASON NISSÉ MARKS & SPENCER has signed a joint venture with Dickson Poon, the Hong Kong entrepreneur behind the suc-

clothing brand, Brooks Broth-

The first of 20 stores planned under the ten-year deal will open in Hong Kong next year.

Brooks Brothers, founded 169 year ago, has 62 outlets in

Japan and 102 shops in the US.

for buying Brooks Brothers in

the late Eighties, and Sir.

Richard Greenbury, the chair-

man, admitted that M&S paid

In recent years, Joseph

Gromek, the Brooks Brothers

president, has worked hard to

exploit the full potential of the

Dickson Concepts, will have

exclusive rights to trade under

the Brooks Brothers brand

name in most of South-East

Asia. It is also interested in

buying Barney's, the New York

store currently in Chapter 11

brand outside its US home.

M&S was heavily criticised

ers, to South-East Asia.

Pru raises pensions provision to £450m

PRUDENTIAL has raised its provision for paying compensation for pensions misselling, from £240 million to £450 million, in an effort to hasten the review; nt weeks, Prudential

and others in the insurance industry have come under pressure from the Government to sort out what has been dubbed the greatest financial scandal of the century.

The fiasco involved encouraging thousands of people to opt out of company schemes in favour of personal pensions.

Royal & SunAlliance faces disciplinary action after alleg-edly missing a deadline for compensating customers sold the wrong pensions. (Adam Jones writes). The insurer was supposed to sort out 90 per cent of its most pressing cases by the end of July, but yesterday the Personal Investment Authority, the City regulator, said it had failed and faced a potential fine. The Pla's move, the latest in several "naming and shaming" exercises, that with an angry response from Royal & Sun Alliance, which claimed it had met the target.

The total cost to the industry is

set to top £4 billion.
Prudential is now offering guarantees that misselling victims will not suffer any financial loss on retirement, nor. will they have to prove that they were missold a pension. Sir Peter Davis, Prudential's

chief executive, said: "We just want to get the whole thing sorted out." Prudential has dealt with 16,000 compensation claims from a total of 60,000 priority cases. At the end of June, it had only dealt with 3,500 cases.

Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has given companies until the autumn to make substantial

progress on compensation. If they have not, she could make it difficult for the companies to continue to operate. She could also choose to lock them out of the Government's overall re-

life insurance companies are

hoping to play a leading role.

Legal & General is offering
a similar scheme to that of Prudential, and the Personal Investment Authority, the regulator, says that 12 other firms . have applied to offer guaranteed compensation schemes. A PIA spokeswoman said: "We have to ensure that these guaranteed schemes are not seen as a soft option."

Around £35 million of Prudential's increased compensation figure, which was revealed in the company's interim results yesterday, was because of the abolition of tax relief on dividends earned by pension funds.

Operating profit was up 19 per cent, to £389 million (£320 million) at Prudential. The increase was the result of greater sales of investment and savings products. The dividend rises 10.3 per cent to

6.4p a share. Sir Peter played down bid rumours, which have been circulating all summer. The speculation has linked Prudential with Abbey National, Halifax and NatWest Sir Peter noted, however, that Prudential was still looking for a substantial high street presence that would add

shareholder value.
Prudential's telephone
bank, launched 10 months ago, has attracted £Z74 million of deposits and is costing around £70 million to set up. Other banking services are being considered.

'Prudential's retraining of sales staff, prompted by intervention from the Securities and Investments Board, will be completed next month.

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After months of heavy weather over pensions, Sir Peter Davis, chief executive, said he wants "the whole thing sorted out"

Boots puts £52m into loyalty card

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BOOTS THE CHEMISTS is to invest £52 million over three years in a new loyalty smartcard, the first of its kind to be launched by a high street retailer.

The company hopes to have a million customers signed up to the Advantage card by its launch on September 1. It will offer four points, worth 4p, for every £1 spent, making it the most generous of the loyalty cards so far issued by retailers. Richard Holroes, market-

ing director, said that computer chips in the cards - a first - could potentially hold medical details and data on health insurance, organ donorship and social services. We are aware that this is extremely sensitive ethically. and details could not be used for promotions," he said The technology would allow us to keep such information separate and secure."

Woolwich will accept 'right'

shelter behind its legal protec-Societies Act 1997 protects

financial services company. some of the El billion of surplus capital. Mr Stewart said

THE WOOLWICH will not the Woolwich, which will pay a maiden interim dividend of 3p on October 27, would

Some of the money could be used to pay a special dividend or for a share buy-back, while a certain sum is expected to be used for acquisitions. These could be in France or Italy. where the Woolwich has retail mortgage operations that made profits of £7.2 million, compared with £4.6 million.

In the UK, where Woolwich's share of the net mort-gage market fell to 4.6 per cent from 10.6 per cent, possible purchases are likely to be in the long-term care or insurance markets, although Mr high and hinted that joint ventures might be an alternative.

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Standards

Standard Chartered, the international banking group. made more than E30 million dealing in the volatile Asian currency markets, helping to lift trading profits across the group by 8 per cent to £434 million in its first half. Page 23, Tempus 24

bid approach

tion if a large enough bid is made for the former society. John Stewart, chief executive of the Woolwich, told The Times that if a bid was made and it was "absolutely right and could deliver something to shareholders that we could not, we wouldn't hide behind our protection". The Building

newly converted banks from hostile bids for five years, provided they do not buy another The Woolwich reported a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £215 million in the six months to June 30, before £27 million of conversion costs. Its 2.3 million shareholders can also look forward to receiving

consider a number of options.

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Wickes sues chiefs to recover bonuses

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

WICKES, the DIY retailer that discovered a £51 million hole in its accounts last year, is suing two former bosses to recover £136,000 of bonus payments.

The company is claiming back £85,000 in bonuses paid to Les Rosenthal, former board member and head of the buying department. It is also reclaiming £51,250 paid in bonuses to Chris Miles, who was a senior manager in the department. Both men were suspended from Wickes in June last year, soon after the hole in the accounts was found. They later resigned.

After an investigation carried out

last year by Linklaters & Paines, the solicitors, and Price Waterhouse, the accountants, Wickes said that secret discount deals with suppliers had inflated short-term profits. Writs against Mr Rosenthal and Mr

Miles were issued this week by Linklaters on behalf of Wickes. The two men were paid the bonuses under schemes set up for directors and

senior management. Mr Rosenthal was paid a bonus of £40,000 in 1995 and £20,000 in 1996. He was paid an additional £25,000 that year as a discretionary bonus on

the basis that Wickes' buying depart-

rebate income. The later investigations showed that rebate income from suppliers had been seriously overstated. If the correct sums had been known, the bonuses would not have been naid. Wickes claims.

Mr Miles was paid a bonus of £23,750 in 1995 and a discretionary bonus of £27,500 a year later. The Serious Fraud Office opened an

investigation into the activities of former senior management at the company in November. No charges have so far been brought though the investigation is continuing. Wickes is not believed to be considering claims against current or former suppliers.

Henry Sweethaum, who resigned as chairman and chief executive in June last year, has since agreed to return £720,000 that was paid under a longterm incentive plan in 1994 and 1995. He also waived any claim to an additional £855,000 due under the same scheme. Trefor Llewellyn, the former finance director who now works at Caradon, has also agreed to pay back all £485,000 of his 1995 ner

bonus payments. Wickes, now under new chief executive Bill Grimsey, carried out a 553.2 million rights issue in December, and is expected to post full-year pre-tax

ment had generated £57 million in

profits of about £4 million.

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By Jon Ashworth

ACCOUNTANTS and other professionals could save 20 per cent or more on professional indemnity cover with the launch of PI Direct, a direct sales insurer, in the City of London.

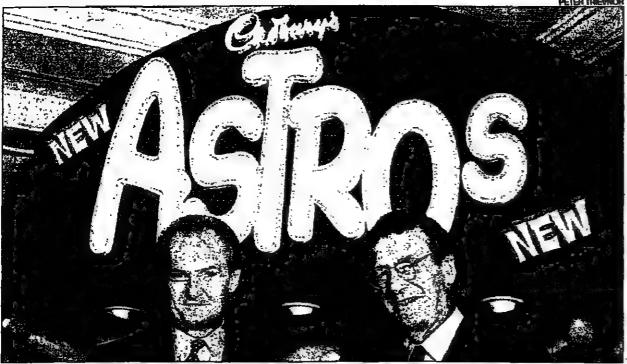
The company, founded by Michael Wood, 36. an insurance lawyer, is billed as the first dedicated professional indemnity underwriter in the UK to offer cover on a direct basis. Its target is firms of accountants. surveyors, engineers, architects and insurance brokers of one

to nine partners. Mr Wood is chief executive of Pl Direct, which will offer quotations from today, and goes "live" on Morrison, marketing director, has 18 years' experience as a professional indemnity broker. David Harvey is underwriter, and Robert Huxter, lately with MGI Insurance, is finance director.

The company is a joint venture between the management. Benfield & Rea Investment Trust, the insurance vehicle associated with the late Matthew Harding, and SVB, a Lloyd's management agency. Mr Wood said: "Our new approach to the way that professional indemnity insurance is provided and serviced will enable us to provide a better deal to a very specific section of the market. We're trying to make it easy and simple, and re-duce the burden on the small professional firm."

Insurance brokers will be given quotations net of brokerage, leaving then free to negotiate a fee for their services with their

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John Sunderland, left, with Sir Dominic Cadhury, chairman, promises two or three confectionery acquisitions

Laporte breaks bond with adhesives

Pound bites into profit at Cadbury

THE strength of sterling re-stricted Cadbury Schweppes. the confectionery and soft drinks group, to a 2 per cent rise in interim profits and could wipe £40 million from the full-year figure (Dominic Walsh writes).

Half-year profits before tax and disposal gains were up from £231 million to £236 million on turnover 18 per cent lower, at £1.9 billion.

John Sunderland, chief executive, said he expected to make two or three confectionery acquisitions in the next year, for between £100 million and £200 million each. An interim dividend of 5.5p

(5.2p) will be paid as a foreign income dividend on November 21. The shares rose 16p to

Microsoft links with Apple in Net deal

APPLE COMPUTER and Microsoft have linked up in a deal announced yesterday. Microsoft will buy about £100 million worth of non-voting shares in Apple, and the Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser will become the default program used for connecting Macintosh computers to the Internet. The deal was announced by Steve Jobs, Apple's co-founder, at the MacWorld conference in Boston. Other radical changes will mean that future Microsoft products will be created especially for the Macintosh — the most notable being Microsoft Office 98.

Many Apple devotees hoped that Mr Jobs would take on the currently vacant role of chief executive for Apple, but they were disappointed. He will have a seat on the new board of directors along with Larry Ellison, chief executive of Oracle.

Mr Jobs also told the MacWorld conference that three board
members, including A. C. Mike Markkula, an early financier and one-time chairman, had resigned.

Meltek suspended

SHARES in Meltek were suspended on AIM yesterday at 40p ahead of an announcement that the company had asked bankers to send in receivers to its Webb Corp. believing it is "no longer commercially viable". Webb was acquired by Meltek in December. Meltek said that its other divisions are trading profitably at the operating level. A detailed announcement will be made as soon as practicable, the company added. At the suspension price Meltek was worth £2.8 million.

Adidas sales rise 40%

ADIDAS, the German sportswear maker, said it expected continuing strong performance in the second half of 1997 after net sales rose 40 per cent to DM3.14 billion (£1.04bn)in the first half. "We see no reason that the second part of 1997 will not be a reflection of the first part," Robert Louis-Dreyfus, chief executive, said. Adidas said it expected gross profit margins to remain at about 40 per cent of net sales in the second half of the year.

Zetters looks to football

ZETTERS, the pools and bingo group, reported a pre-tax pro-fit up from £1 million to £2.4 million in the year to March 3l on sales down from £19.7 million to £16.2 million. Earnings per share rose from 10.1p to 24.8p, although the total dividend for the year remains unchanged at 10p a share. Zetters said the decline in pools turnover year-on-year has reduced significantly since April 1 and that it expects the decline to bottom out soon with the start of the football season.

Select interim rises

SHARES in Select Appointments rose from 513 2 p to 525p on a rise in pre-tax profits from £7.7 million to £13.3 million for the first half. Earnings per share rose 40 per cent to 9.5p a share in the six months to June 30 and the interim dividend rises 20 per cent to I.2p. Tony Martin, the chairman, said-"The outlook for the staffing services industry remains very favourable as markets increasingly accept flexible working patterns and deregulation continues."

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Lomond beats average

LOMOND Underwriting, one of the minnows of the Lloyd's of London corporate sector, vesterday reported a maiden return of 12.61 per cent on underwriting capacity in 1994, the latest year of account under Lloyd's three-year accounting rule, before agents' fees and a special levy to the society. This compares with a market average of 11.02 per cent. Lomond recommended a dividend of 10p for the year, payable on September 19.

Heywood buyback

HEYWOOD WILLIAMS, the building and car components maker, yesterday announced plans to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares in the next few weeks. The news sent the shares up from 1952 p to 2062 p. A spokesman said: "We have a particularly strong balance sheet, but a particularly weak share price." Interim pre-tax profits before exceptionals rose by £7 million, to £21.8 million. The interim dividend remains 5p. Undiluted earnings per share rose from 9.3p to 15.2p.

Transport setback

PRE-TAX profits at Transport Development fell from £15.8 million to £15.1 million in the half year to June 30 because of "disappointing" conditions in the hire sector, the company said. Earnings per share increased to 7.73p from 7.42p and the interim dividend was maintained at 4p. Martin Llowarch, chairman, said: "We indicated that 1996 had been a difficult and disappointing year for vehicle rental and this has continued into 1997."

Metal Bulletin cheaper

SHARES in Metal Bulletin, the publisher, fell 72½ p to 950p as. City analysts cut full-year profit knecasts from £6 million after disappointment over half-year results. Trevor Tarring, chairman, said that earnings growth may be slowed by sterling's strength. The company reported first-half pre-tax profits of £2.15 million, up from £2.04 million, in line with market expectations: Analysis, who cut forecasts, noted that 76 per cent of revenue is non-sterling. The half-year dividend is 6.7p (5.8p).

Delyn spurns Newport

SHARES in Delyn rose lp to 99'2p after the AIM-listed company rejected a £9.6 million takeover bid from Newport Holdings, the property group. Delyn said that it sees the bid, made on Monday, as "most unwelcome" and urged shareholders to take no action. Newport bid at 110p a share, offering four new Newport shares for every three Delyn ordinary shares. Delyn said that Newport's share price had performed poorly since its 1994 flotation.

Ulster regulator ignores MMC pricing proposals

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NORTHERN Ireland's energy regulator is set to face a judicial review after creating a precedent by ignoring a recommendation of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on price cuts.

Douglas McIldoon, the electricity and gas watchdog, yesterday pushed aside the MMC recommendation for

BY PAUL DURMAN

LAPORTE, the chemicals

group, is near the end of two

years of restructuring after sell-ing the remainder of its adhes-

ives and sealants business for

The company will also short-

ly end a century-long associ-

ation with Luton when it moves

pricing controls on Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE) and imposed a tougher regime. The company, which has been in dispute with the regulator for some months, said that it was considering legal action.

regulator has ignored the recommendations of the MMC, which is generally regarded as the final arbiter in disputes between regulated companies and their watchdogs. Mr

Laporte sold Evode, which

makes Evostik give, and most

of its European adhesives and

sealants interests to Elf Ato-

chem for £110 million at the

turn of the year. It has now

sold the Italian arm to La-

farge, the building materials

group, and the American op-

ance a few months ago when the MMC delivered its verdict. But yesterday's proposals for licence amendments make clear his decision to impose his own controls.

At stake is about £40 million in revenues to NIE over the life of the price control that ends in 2002.

The regulator intends to impose a one-off price cut of 29

per cent followed by 2 per cent

eration to Sovereign, a private-

ly owned Chicago group.
The latest sale fetched £6

million more than Laporte ex-

pected at the time of its annual

meeting in May. Before ex-

penses and taxes, the disposal

will produce a E19 million

profit after a goodwill write-off

of £55 million. The businesses

sold made operating profits of

for a cut of 25 per cent and 2 per cent thereafter.

The pricing review, which will be backdated to April this year, had gone to the MMC after the the regulator and NIE clashed. NIE had suggested a one-off cut of 22 per cent, whereas the regulator had wanted 31 per cent.

Shares in NIE fell 124p to 4274 p on the decision and the uncertainty over legal action

Ell million last year on sales of-

Jim Leng, chief executive, said this final disposal will

leave Laporte with £100 mil-

lion of cash, compared with

debt of about £200 million

when he arrived two years ago.

He said Laporte's sale of 40

E103 million.

by the company. NIE said yesterday it would make a decision soon. Mr McIldoon's office said i

believed that it could defend its actions in court. Charles Coulthard, deputy directorgeneral of the Northern Ireland electricity and gas supply, said: "Our legal advice is that we are all right on this

He denied that the decision made a mockery of going to the MMC. "The President of the Board of Trade has chosen to ignore MMC findings," be said. He added that there was no room for further negotia-

tion between the two sides.
Mr McIldoon's dismissal of the MMC's recommendation surprised many in the indus-try who viewed it as a maverick action. However, if he succeeds his action will create important regulatory precedent. Theoretically, regulators are not obliged to bow to per cent of its businesses had "hardly damaged our profits". | MMC recommendation by convention they do. MMC recommendations, but

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John Carter, Chief Executive, commenting on the results said:

"Further expansion of our worldwide life and savings business and a strong underlying increase in life profits, contributed to a good first half for the Group, with pre-tax profits 25% higher at constant rates of exchange."

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Profit on ordinary activities before tax	(II) £33500	£226m	## £265m
Profit attributable to equity shareholders	£217m	£134m	£159m
Operating earnings per ordinary share	21.5p	17.2p	20.0p
Interim dividend per ordinary share	(ii) 12.25p	-	11.45p
Shareholders' funds	£4,131m	_	riii £3,902m
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The 1997 interim report will be circulated to shareholders on 29 August 1997 and copies can be requested from the Shareholder Relations Service at the address below or by telephoning 0171 662 8866.

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Hilton lifts offer for ITT to £8.3bn

HILTON HOTELS, the US hotel and gaming group, yes-terday fired the latest salvo in its increasingly acrimonious battle for control of ITT Corporation, owner of the Sheraton Hotels brand.

Stephen Bollenbach, chief executive of Hilton, announced he was raising the \$6.5 billion (£4 billion) bid launched in January to \$3.3 billion. The \$70-a-share offer represents a 64 per cent premium to ITT's share price before the original bid. Including debt, the new offer is worth

Yesterday's bid comes just three days after ITT announced it was selling a 50 per cent stake in Las Vegas's Desert Inn for \$150 million. In a bid to fend off Mr Bollenbach, ITT also an-



Bollenbach: bid battle

nounced plans last month to and buy back stock. Hilton in the US struck a deal last year with Ladbroke, the owners of the Hiton brand wordwide, to bring the two parts of Hiton together.

Bid mark neared as **JCI lifts Lonrho stake**

JCI. the South African mining group, has raised its stake in London to 3.2 per cent, JCI also has an option over a 26.7 per cent holding controlled by An-glo American, the South African conglomerate, which JCI in-

tends to exercise in December. This would take its holding in Lourho to 29.9 per cent, the maximum it can buy without making a bid. Merger talks between JCI and Lonrho billion group were called off

earlier this summer. Analysts believe the talks fell down over the valuation of Lonrho's 33 per cent stake in Ashanti, the Ghanaian mining group, though JCl's share price also collapsed while talks were ongoing.

Anglo American is only alleged to wate on 10 per cent of its

owed to vote on 10 per cent of its stake in Loncho, having had its voting rights restricted by the European Commission which was concerned about its control

Former Tory minister to resign as director

GEC clear-out continues

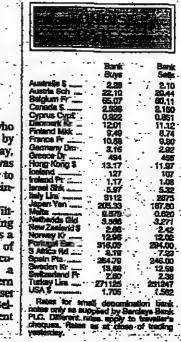
By OLIVER AUGUST

GEORGE SIMPSON, the GEC managing director, yes-terday stepped up the clear-out of personnel assembled by his predecessor, Lord Weinstock. Sir Richard Needham, the former Tory minister, will resign from his role as executive marketing director at the industrial group later this

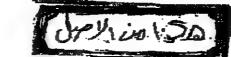
Sir Richard said in a GEC statement that he wants to develop further the contacts made during his years both as a Northern Ireland minister for the economy and then as minister of trade". He has

chairman of NEC, the Japa-

left the Government and joined GEC in 1995, was effectively sidelined by the corporate restructuring undertaken by Mr Shapson since the beginning of the



had been made chairman by nese electronics group. Lord Weinstock, On Tuesday, The former minister, who John Mayo of Zeneca was appointed as the successor to David Newlands, Lord Weinstock's finance director Sir Richard, MP for Wiltshire North until standing down at the last election, is a non-executive director of Dyson Appliances, the vacu-um cleaner business. As a Mr Simpson said: "Richard has played a thoroughly sup-portive role throughout. We trade minister for Northern ireland, he also helped to set shall miss his enthusiasm and directness." Sir Richard's deup Mackie, the troubled Belparture will be followed by the departure of Lord Prior. fast-based textile equipment



Davis endeavoured to put an end to Prudential's damaging

involvement in the pensions mis-

selling scandal.

The decision to guarantee pensioners the equivalent of

what they would have received.

had they not succumbed to the

blandishments of the Prn sales

team is the right one. Legal & General thought of this remeily

first and it was only the regu-lator's lack of enthusiasm which prevented it being put into effect sooner. Now both L&G and the

Pru have been given the go-ahead to promise their pension

holders that they will not be short changed and a further ten com-

panies are hoping to be allowed to deal with the problem the

The feisty Helen Liddell has undoubtedly helped persuade the mis-sellers that they had better change their attitude on this issue. She was horrified by the lack of mea culpar which echoed from the persuade and the persuade and

the pensions companies, indeed,

she indicated that such companies might not be worthy of a role in providing the new stake-holder pension which is a crucial

part of the Government's plans. How wise then, of Sir Peter, to

decide to stop arguing about whether or not the Pru is guilty

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valuation at £1.75bn By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

CAPITAL Shopping Centres, owner and operator of eight mails including Lakeside in Essex and the MetroCentre in Tyneside, yesterday confirmed the strength of the retail property market by increasing its revaluation surplus by £135. million. CSC puts its new valuation at £1.75 billion.

CSC, which reported a 31 per cent jump in interim pre-tax profit to £36.3 million, said it would now have its net asset value reassessed twice a year. Lakeside, which will face a big competitor when the Bluewater shopping centre has put back the opening date opens a few miles away in for its Braewater development Kent in 1999, produced a near Glasgow from spring revaluation surplus of £59.1 1999 to July of that year. million, while that of Metro-Centre was £43.5 million. CSC



Lakeside faces competition

shares at 52Sp apiece on a seven-for-50 basis. The shares eased 2½p to 562½p.

Wighs of relief were signs of relief were sommelion perovision, Sir Peter Sir Peter takes Prudential way out

and simply to promise to pay up without a fight.

As yesterday's figures from the group made clear, made clear

be magnanimous, with half year operating profits close to £400

But the company should not now feel that it can sit back and wait for claimants to come knocking. Mrs Liddell will not relax her stance that the onus is on those who mis-sold to seek out those they misled and right the wrongs. And that would be a somewhat futile exercise if. simultaneously, salesmen continued to mis-sell to a whole rait of new customers. The SIB was far from impressed with what it found on a recent visit to the Pru, with the result that salesmen are having to be expensively retrained. Sin Peter bemoans the effect this is having on sales, but potential customers are likely to see things rather

to restore an image that has been hadly tarnished. Shareholders, must have been relieved by Sir Peter's assurance that he is not about to buy a bank, despite the



flirtation with NatWest, although he still believes his organisation would benefit from an increased high street presence. There seems little reason why customers should pop into a branch to see the Man from the Pru if they are wary of inviting him over their own threshold because of his over-enthusiasm

Boots plays its card right

hile the man from the Pru has sambled in the public's perception, Boots The Chemist has hardly The Pru's first priority must be put a foot wrong. Its parent to restore an image that has been company may have walked badly tarnished. Shareholders, apparently blindfold into buying anost have been relieved by Sir a ropey collection of businesses. Peter's assurance that he is not that Philip Birch had withly

White name, but that expensive diversion was not allowed to divert Boots The Chemist from

passing through its doors second only to the number who visit the Post Office, BTC concentrated on the sensible strategy of persuading them to buy more. The pharmacies with which Jesse Boot began remain at the core of the business but it can now claim to be the country's biggest seller of sandwiches and has fulfilled the admirable role of making life a little more difficult for Anita Roddick by effectively producing a copy-cat range of foot potions and the like.

Seeing no indignity in imitation.
Boots is now following the trend towards loyalty cards, and offer-ing customers a sizeable 4p in the pound incentive to sign up. On its calculations, the card will gen-

erate a 4 per cent rise in sales and break-even within IS months. Initially, it is merely another

its determined progress.
With the number of customers marketing ploy. Longer term, however, the Boots card has the potential to be a ground breaker in creating the modern version of the company store, which once fulfilled all the needs of the workers. Looking ahead, the company envisages that its clever card, equipped with chip, could be company and with details of be programmed with details of everything from health in-surance and medical data to social services information.

It is only a short step from there to envisage BTC cemented into a crucial role in the whole health and social services structure, perhaps linked into doctors' surgeries and hospitals. The vogue term may have changed from privatisation to pub-lic/private partnership, but. whatever it is called, the potential

for Boots could be huge. With almost any other company, the public might balk at the idea of a commercial operator getting hold of such sensitive data. The legacy of Jesse Boot might just enable BTC to take on this new, community, role.

Higher rates: the counter argument

Stuart Hampson has learned to be guarded when he bumps into former colleagues from the Trea-sury. Asked if business is going well, he risks terrible retribution should he reply that indeed it is. For Hampson is now the chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, and he has found a depressing attitude at the Treasury which believes that if retailers are having a good time, then the economy is in peril.

Hampson and his fellow shopkeepers argue, although rather too sotto voce for it to have much effect, that this simplistic view is certainly no longer accurate, even if it once was.

Growth in retail sales need not

be an inevitable precursor of soaring inflation, the sole dragon on which the the Treasury, both civil servants and politicians, appear determined to concentrate their slaying power. Despite the headline figures on retail sales growth, the picture on the high street is very mixed. The country is over-supplied with shops and competition for business is ensuring that prices are not running rampantly ahead. Much to the chagrin of store companies, customers, even those with windfalls to blow,

remain highly price conscious. This is a factor the Bank of England's monetary policy committee should be bearing in mind as it toys with whether to push up interest rates today. They should fulfil the markets' expectations, and lay off.

Hard cheese

LORD YOUNG of Graffham, currently building his own corporate finance boutique, knows about the difficulties Lord Simon of Highbury faced on moving into politics. To paraphrase his article (see page 25), it is very hard to move from being the grand fromage of a major corpo-ration to a role that brings many masters. At its core, the affair was about the former BP boss thinking he could continue running things his way. He couldn't.

Asian markets lift Standard bank

BY MOBERT MELER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

STANDARD CHARTERED, back into the business this the international banking group, made more than £30 million dealing in the volatile Asian currency markets, help-ing to lift trading profits by 8 per cent, to £434 million, in its first half first half.

Malcolm Williamson, chairman of Standard Chartered. which lifted its interim dividend by 24 per cent, to 5.25p, payable on October 17, said that the bank had done well Far East because its regional offices are staffed by local experts and not expatriates. Dealing profits jumped to £134 million in the six manifes to June 30, from £101 million in the same period last year. The shares reacted with a 32 p rise to £10.38.

The strength of sterling against key currencies in the areas in which Standard operates, notably indonesia. Pakistan and Ghana held beadline pre-tax profits at £435 million, against £448 million in the same period last year. Standard Chartered, which

is to invest around £90 million."

its life and general businesses.

The strong pound cut the

beadline figure by £40 million,

CU said. Profits would have

been 25 per cent up on the year had it not been for exchange rates, the company added.

Without the currency effect, profits from its life and sav-

ings business rose 24 per cent, to £125 million, on £1.9 billion

premiums. The success of its Premier investment Bond lift-

ed single premium sales in the

UK to £265 million. The Netherlands, Italy and Poland all

saw substantial increases in

The company was less suc-

year, said that earnings per share fell to 28.9p, from 30.5p

previously. As part of a credit-risk strategy, Mr Williamson said that some 300 of the poorerperforming corporate client portfolios had been closed, in addition to the 550 shut down last year. Bad-debt and doubtful debt provision remained at

644 million. Standard Chartered's out of currency valetility in the . Hong Kong business benefit-



Williamson: that portfolios

come in the UK fell 3 per cent

tion and E8 million of subsi-

dence claims. However, Peter

Foster, finance director, said that premiums had now lev-

elled and would start to rise.

exposure to fast-developing life and savings markets, par-

ticularly in Europe, is generat-ing substantial growth, which will be of increasing value to

Earnings per share rose 1.5p, to 21.5p. The interim divi-dend rises 7 per cent, to 12.25p,

to be paid as a foreign income

our shareholders," he said.

John Carter, chief executive, said the group was well posi-tioned for the future. "Our

Sterling strength

clips CU progress

BY CAVIN DIMSDIM

COMMERCIAL UNION, the cossful in general insurance,

composite insurer, increased in which pre-tax profits rose

pre-tax profits 3.8 per cent, to just 7 per cent. Premium in-1235 million, in the first half of come in the UK fell 3 per cent

the year, with growth in both in the face of fierce competi-

Mall operator puts

ed from a 23 per cent rise in the value of its mortgage book, to £3.4 billion, and Mr Williamson said that the outlook for the former British colony now handed back to the Chinese authorities was very

in the autumn, an officiallybacked body called the Mortgage Corporation will encourage developers in Hong Kong to release land from their portfolios to raise the number of new housing units built each year from 35,000 to 90,000. To counter the concern about over-exposure to land by the banks, the new corpora-tion will act as a broker to sell on excess home loans to third parties.

Mr Williamson said that new business developments in the past six months included the opening of a new dealing room in Shanghai, the launch of a new credit card in Zimbabwe and the Philippines and improved branch and telephone banking services in Cameroon, Ghana, Botswana, Malaysia, India

Chrysalis

buys radio

station

for £17.6m

BY FRASER NELSON

CHRYSALIS, the music to

basketball company that owns the London and Manchester

Heart radio stations, has add-

ed Yorkshire's Kiss FM to its

portfolio in a £17.6 million

deal, making it the largest rad-

io broadcaster after the BBC.

The sale of Faze FM, a venture capital-backed station that started broadcasting four

years ago, will boost its total

number of potential listeners

Richard Huntingford, head

of the Chrysalis radio division,

said the company will now decide whether Kiss is a

stronger brand than its own Cardiff-based Galaxy station.

Both broadcast dance music,

against the "classic hits" formula adopted by Heart.

The loser will be scrapped

and the winner will be rolled

out across Britain, with the prospect of being broadcast in the North East of England by

Kiss is listened to by 9 per

cent of its target audience, against Galaxy's ló per cent. Mr Huntingford said: "We will now talk to our marketing

people and see which of the

Chrysalis is currently bid-

ding for three FM licences in

Central Scotland, the North

West of England and the North East. If successful, it

plans to broadcast another

Heart in the North West, and

roll out either Kiss or Galaxy.

purchase through a £20 mil-

lion rights issue, which will see founder Chris Wright di-lute his 42 per cent holding for

BZW is offering 3.81 million

in the other two areas. The company is funding the

two is more appropriate."

next summer.

Currency deals in How GKN is hoping to cash in on carry

BY CREWER ADDRESS

GKN, the aerospace to automotive group, is making a bold move into the grocery sector with a new plastic tray for vegetables which it hopes will turn into a El billion business in Europe. Asda, the supermarket chain, has signed up as the first customer and GKN is attempting to create a new world standard for the plastic trays

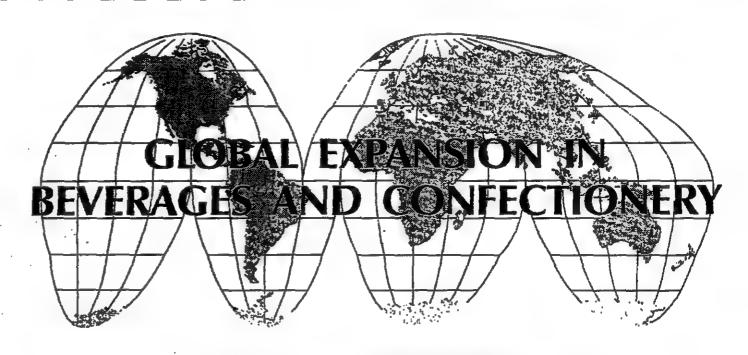
trays. CK Chow, the chief executive, said: "We are very encouraged by the results. The vegetables can stay on the same tray from the field to the shop."

The new trays will be reusable, make food last longer and be environ-mentally friendlier. Supermarket assistants will be able to put the trays straight from the pallet on to the shelf. The group reported pre-tax profits

of £203 million in the first half of the year, up 12 per cent and ahead of forecasts. Without the rise in the pound the increase would have been double that. The interim dividend was raised to 10.5p from 9.6p. Earnings per share rose to 38.9p from 31.7p.

GKN has a cash pile of £248 million. out of which it will have to pay for legal damages to be finalised against Meineke Mufflers, the US subsidiary.

The group generated £218 million in cash in the past six months. Mr Chow said he was following a "strong growth strategy" which will entail further acquisitions. There would be no big announcements in the next few months, but GKN would play an important part in the "consolidation game" in the aerospace industry.



23% RISE IN UNDERLYING EPS

44 Cadbury Schweppes produced turnover of over £1.8 billion from continuing operations in the first half of 1997 and an increase in trading profit of 17%. Underlying earnings per share were up 23% to 14.9p. The direct comparison with our 1996 interim results is impacted by the sale of our 51% interest in Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages Ltd (CCSB) in February 1997, the strength of sterling and the absence in this half year of major restructuring costs.

1997 HALF YEAR RESULTS (Unaudited)

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Trading Profit - Ongoing Business	245	+17	+25			
Profit before tax & disposal gains	236	+ 2	+ 9			
Profit on disposals	417					
Earnings per Share before disposal gains	14.9p	+23	+32			
Earnings per Share - FRS3 including disposal gains	47.1p					
Dividend per Share	5.5p	+ 6				

We achieved positive results in both our beverage and confectionery business streams. Sales and market shares of both streams benefited from the introduction of new products, the continued international expansion of existing brands and higher levels of marketing investment. Our 'Managing for Value' initiative was launched to improve shareholder value.

We look forward to the second half of 1997 with confidence."

Sir Dominic Cadbury, Chairman

Sasbury Schweppes

MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKETPLACE

Shares breach 5,000 as fears for sterling recede

THE City has changed its mind and decided that another rise in interest rates later today is unlikely. This put the skids under sterling and sent share prices surging to their highest levels ever.

The equity market breached the 5,000 level for the first time, with the FTSE 100 index closing just a shade below its best with a rise of 65.6 at 5,026.2. A total of 983 million shares changed hands, with blue chips again making most of the running.

By contrast, the rise in the FTSE 250 was just 18.7 at 4.517.3, while the FTSE All-Share put on 25.0 at 2,339.74 and the FTSE Smaller Companies actually lost ground. Once again the financial

future led the way before closing at 5,044.0, a useful premium to the cash market. Brokers reported a noticeable change in buying habits among institutional investors. Blue chips remained top of their shopping lists, but the pound's weakness meant they are now buying cyclical companies with an exposure to currency fluctuations, rather than domestic issues such as banks and pharmaceuticals, which have dominated in recent months.

Those to benefit were the exporters and manufacturing companies. Gains were seen in RMC Group, 29p to £10.0712, Blue Circle, 1212p to 410p, **ΤΙ Group**, 20p to 574¹2p, Rolls-Royce, 512p to 243p, and Siebe, 23p to £11.1712. ICI. another big overseas earner, also put on 34½ p at £10.62½, with NatWest Securities reputed to have upgraded its recommendation for the

GKN was the best performer among the top 100 shares, leaping 70p, or 6.45 per cent, at Ell.56 after weighing in with half-year figures that exceeded expectations.

A reasonable set of numbers lifted Cadbury Schweppes lóp to 611 ap. American investors have been buyers of the stock lately and seem ready to back

accompanying maiden interim results from Woolwich, up 5p at 297p, with profits comfortably matching earlier forecasts. John Stewart, chief executive, confirmed the group was still on the lookout for suitable acquisitions, but remained aware that the group, with its E5 billion price

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Michael Broadhead, left, and Ralph Hinchliffe, saw shares of Heywood Williams rise 11p on better half-year figures

tag, was vulnerable to take-

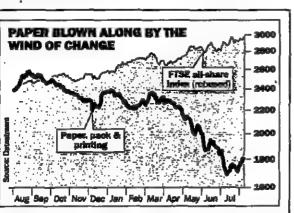
over approaches.
Standard Chartered advanced 321 ap to E10.38 after weighing in with profits at the top end of expectations and a 23 per cent rise in the payout.

Rank Group was a firm market, climbing 15p to 37012p ahead of interim figures this morning. BP continued to draw strength from Tuesday's

better than expected profits, with a further rise of 30p at 891 ap. SBC Warburg has set a target price of 950p a share. Unilever clearly made an impression with US institutional shareholders at a presentation overnight in New

York, with the price climbing

261 ap to £18.64. Heywood Williams stood out with a jump of 11p at



which has long been in the doldrums, saw a revival of interest that cowith yesterday's slide by the pound. Leading the way higher was Arjo Wiggins Appleton. lowed closely by Rexam. 16p dearer at 282 pp. De La Rue, the security printer, is another stock that has been profits warning. It was also marked 21p higher at

407 2 p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is encour-

the sector following the dollar's surge and some bullish comments from Stora, the European paper producer, earlier this week. Daniel Caine at House

said: "Movements in currencies and other factors have swung round giving people the opportunity to have some fun with the sector at long last. These able them to put a fundamental spin on things".

go fishing for stocks that have been sold heavily

COMMODITIES

ny's broker, has bought back 9.7 million shares (9.7 per cent) at 202,75p. The automotive components group, headed by Ralph Hinchliffe, chairman, Michael Broadhead, managing director, unveiled half-year figures showing pretax profits up from £15.3 million to £21.8 million.

Cash-rich Metal Bulletin was left mursing a fall of 40p at 98212p, after touching 950p. The City was clearly unimpressed with another set of nterim record numbers showing pre-tax profits of the information services group up from £2.03 million to £2.15. Brokers are already pencilling in £5.9 million for the current year compared with £5.08 million last time. Emap, lp firmer at 765p, continues to hold almost 21 per cent of the

Pearson continued to draw strength from Tuesday's better than expected numbers and five-year plan with the shares, adding 31'2p at 771p. Northern Ireland Electric-

ity dropped 1212p to 42712p after learning that the industry regulator was pushing for tougher price controls.

Racai Electronics was l'ap

easier at 22312p after failing to excite the City about current

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices were squeezed higher in thin trading as the pound dropped back against the dollar amid rising hopes that an interest rate rise can be avoided. The London market also took its lead from firmer German bunds, which were encouraged by the latest jobless numbers showing a small increase. Dealers said this made the prospect of a rise in German rates that much more

Brokers said stock short-ages had prevented short pos-itions from being closed and had served to exaggerate price movements

In futures, the September series of the long gilt finished E3s better at £1142132 88 the number of contracts complet-

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was E3s better at £110316, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks better at £1025s. □NEW YORK: A firmer nology sector helped to drive and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 51.33 points at 8,238.87.

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Pounding on

feeling that Mr Sunderland

is doing all the right things.

The investments in emerg-ing markets such as Russia and China are still showing

losses, but with volumes

accelerating, Cadbury's

long-term commitment re-mains well-placed. In the

US, Dr Pepper has begun to

recover, showing first-half

volume growth of 43 per

LIKE almost every other manufacturer, GKN has complained about the impact of the strong pound, which halved the size of the interim profit increase. But CK Chow, the new chief executive, had to admit that his global business

was also reaping some benefits. GKN's German and French customers are doing brilliantly because of their weak currencies, and buying more parts from local GKN subsidiaries. This was particularly true in the car sector, where GKN's automotive division is growing at 7 per cent while compeniors are stuck at 2 per cent. But Mr Chow knows that this cannot continue. The group has brought out a new version of its constant velocity joint. but the car sector as a whole remains flat. Further currency movements could quickly

The aerospace and the industrial services

sectors are the star performers so far this year. GKN has a healthy long-term order book at Westland's helicopter business, but the aero structures business is more vulnerable. The sector is at or near its peak and furious consolidation efforts are expected.

GKN has a cash pile big enough to go on the acquisition trail - but only if the damages still to be awarded in a US legal dispute do not spiral upwards. GKN seems to be relishing the growth opportunities in industrial services, a comparatively new business.

Mr Chow wants to "clean up" GKN's portfolio and has already been much more active with acquisitions and disposals than Lord Simpson, his opposite number at GEC. the other grand old name of British engineering. His robust approach reinforces the belief that investors should stick with the shares.

cent, against total market

After prolonged under-

performance, the market re-

mains cautious. However, the

underlying strength of Cad-

bury Schweppes's brands -

and the ever-present whiff of

a takeover from cash-rich

giants such as Unilever -

leave the company looking

decidedly tasty.

LOOKING TASTY

growth of 3 per cent.

Cadbury

A 2 PER CENT rise in interim profits is hardly going to set pulses racing, but that is nothing new for Cadbury Schweppes. In establishing a global drinks business capable of taking on Coca-Cola and Pepsi, it has issued a stream of paper to fund acquisitions - which has merely served to depress to shareholders

ever, yesterday's fig-contained clear eviar John Sunderland. executive since last ber, is beginning to endle on things. It is cidence that the share as recovered from a 46812p at the turn of r to a high of 61120 ay. Much of the buybeen by US instituhich now hold about

Woolwich

AS A building society, the Woolwich had an excellent customer base, a firm grip on costs and a reasonable share. of the mortgage market -particularly in the South East, the main beneficiary of the recent housing recovery.

As a £4 billion bank, it does not look quite so appealing. Under assault from Nationwide and the remaining mu-tual societies, its share of the UK morigage market has fallen sharply, and its take of net lending has more than halved. This may prove temporary, but, in the meantime, Woolwich is sitting on a huge amount of excess capital that could tempt it into apparently easier and certainly more exciting foreign adventures. Cautious expansion in maximum home loan is 75 value, looks harmiess

Woolwich will do well to

learn from the early expan-

other cash-rich institutions. Investors keen on banks could find cheaper and more attractive alternatives, judg-

ing Woolwich on its own prospects. The 2.3 million private shareholders who still have their windfall shares have to decide whether to stick around for the long-rumoured takeover bid. However, potential bidders will have already had a good look at Woolwich in the runup to flotation. With just about everyone trying to talk shares; shareholders could face a long wait.

THIS TIME last year, Capital Shopping Centres' board gave an unofficial estimate that the value of its properties full external valuation done.

consumer demand and the

sionist mistakes made by consequent rise in retail rents has led to a further £135 million increase in value. This is a good time to start disclosing extra information, but

ways be so favourable. CSC cannot rely on consumer demand continuing. However, strict planning rules mean there will be very lew new centres such as CSC's Braehead, now under construction near Glasgow. The CSC portiolio will therefore have rarity value.
Lakeside, whose value

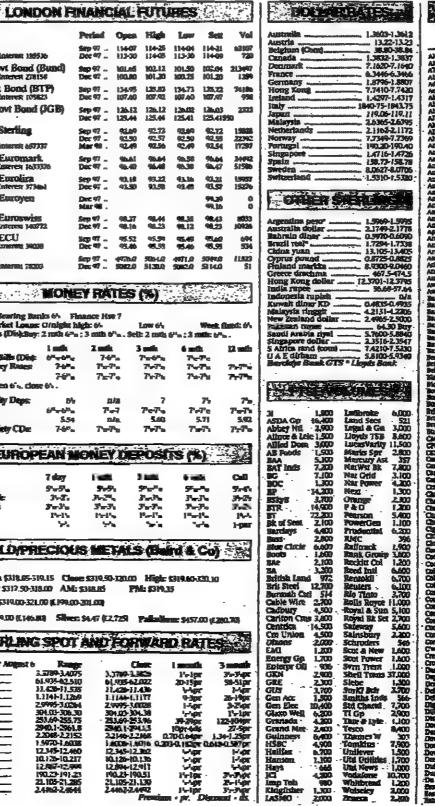
GSC has increased by £59. million, is the possible exception. It is bound to face serious competition when the draff Bluewater complex opens; years' time. However, the two centres are in the most spending, they can both be expected to thrive. Fair value.

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ir Ronald Hampel's most telling contribution to corporate governance is likely to be his heartfelt and understandable desire for his committee on it to be the last. Judging by this week's preliminary report, ICI's chairman may leel that the returns on time spent by half-million-ayear folk mulling such matters are

diminishing rapidly to zero.
Others might offer different explanations. Tactically, the pur-pose of such committees has been to absorb controversy and avoid legislation. Tory governments wanted them to show that something was being done to clean up business. In turn, business wanted them to neutralise issues, ranging from high-profile corporate collapses to directors' pay, that might hasten the arrival of a hostile Labour government.

So the Cadbury, Greenbury and Hampel committees, and several others led by people without knighthoods, have addressed issues squarely, knocked down any radical suggestions for changing the status quo but suggested

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Sir Ronald tries to shut Pandora's box

to deal with the worst excesses. Their recommendations have in some cases genuinely improved the workings of business though, except for those directly involved, this was an optional extra.

Now the Tories have gone and, perplexingly, new Labour does not seem hostile. This transition was epitomised by Lord Simon of Highbury. As Sir David Simon. BP boss, he was a member of both. ical waters. Or so it appears. the Greenbury and Hampel committees. Then he became one of the reason to call a halt. When Sir group who, as the Tories would Ronald accepted the poisoned have it, fraternised with new chalice, he did so as a proud Labour in opposition. Now he is a minister at both the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry. And Lord Simon's views do not seem to have changed, or

needed to change, along the way. Ian McCartney, one-time scourge of fat cats" and now corporate affairs minister, may be

limited reforms and good practice just as puzzled and suspicious as the average member of the CBI or the Institute of Directors, Yet any threat of the Government casting aside these reports with snorts of disdain and legislating for two-tier boards, pay controls, people's auditors and "stakeholder" power seem remote. These "Hadbury" committees have done their tactical job. They have seen big business through to calmer polit-

There is a more fundamental industrialist who was keen to defend business against constant mischievous attacks. His preliminary report takes as its theme that there has been far too much attention to accountability and too little to business performance. Maybe so. But the longer you look at it and the deeper you delve, the



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clearer it becomes that boards of directors are not really responsible to anyone. That's how they like it. In theory, as all such reports point out, those who run com-panies are responsible to those who own them, the shareholders. They cannot be beholden formally to anyone else, although it should pay in the long run to have satisfied customers, employees

ties, green campaigners, the churches et al. If society wants to impose other obligations, as it often does, it must use the law. Most investors will agree.

Naturally, those who champion the company as an amoral force for economical efficiency are first to complain if society does legislate. But leave that aside. As Shell and others know, market forces now put over the views of many interest groups with some force.

Responsibility to shareholders is also mainly in the eyes of the director. As the report points out, most shares are controlled by institutions, now usually on behalf of people whose views they do not know. An average of less than 40 per cent of shares are voted at company meetings, a figure little changed after years of cajoling.

and creditors, as well as to be in creasingly disenfranchised by the good odour with local communi-In any case, the commuttee argues, it is not necessary for things like boardroom pay to be voted on by shareholders. Their interests are taken care of by nonexecutive directors who are chosen

by their fellow directors. To main-

tain the board's unity of purpose. these must not represent anyone. even pension funds collectively. Beyond this, boards have a wonderful legal get-out clause. Duties of directors "are owed to the company, meaning generally the shareholders collectively, both present and future, not the shareholders at a given point in time."

Existing investors, you see, are liable to be be frightfully shortterm instead of worthily longterm. That includes fund managers, so the committee urges trustees to tell them to take a long term view. So the politically correct

nostrum that short-term is bad and long-term is good becomes a catch-all excuse to ignore the owners as well.

Thankfully for all of us. British business operates much better in practice than might seem likely in theory. That is perhaps the message Sir Ronald would have liked to deliver. At the level of big corporations, however, this relies mainly on stock market forces and particularly on that epitome of despised short-termism, the hostile bid.

ICI's board, for instance, long rejected suggestions from some of us t and some directors) that it should demerge pharmaceuticals. Then the predatory Lord Hanson took a stake and, having seen him

off, IC1 soon proposed a demerger. Anyone who really thinks that corporate governance can muddle along should try to imagine what would happen if the Government reverted to its earlier stance in Opposition and banned takeovers or severely restricted them. Informally, the President of the Board

Hard look at both sides of the coin as US gambling booms



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f Camelot's directors ever find public leathing. for them too much to stand, or if, as many assume, the Government refuses to renew the lottery operator's franchise, they should head for America. They will be greeted as

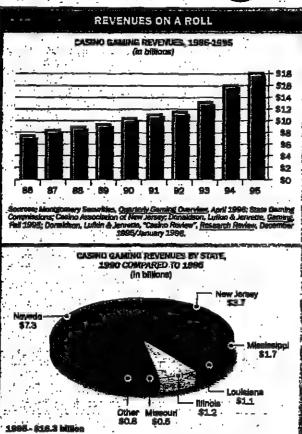
in the gambling boom that has gripped the US, casino and lottery bosses have been popularly credited with the power to lift the poorest communities out of poverty through jobs and hivestment. Every state but Hawaii and Utah, has now embraced "gaming", the sporty-sound-ing label by which the industry prefers to be known.

In 1995, "players" placed 550.3 billion (£339 billion) of bets, an increase of 14 per cent on 1994; industry revenues after prizes were \$44 billion: state gaming taxes on casinos alone were \$2.9 billion.

Until now, the Government in Washington has turned a blind eye to the industry. In 1970, a panel concluded after a six-year study that "the only role of the Federal Government should be to prevent interference by one state with the gambling policies of another".

For years, Indian reserves controlled a large slice of the industry, and politicians were sensitive to the complaint, in the words of one lawyer, "they took away the buffalo and the salmon, and now they want to

take away gaming".
But the Chinton Administration has now set up a twoyear commission to take a harder look at the industry and not just because it has noticed that the Federal Government is losing out on potential tax revenue. The murder in May of a sevencasino while her father gam-



High stakes: gandblers in America, like James Bond, the superspy, have gone for a bigger slice of the action

side. Some now want to see gambling on aircraft, while embryonic Internet betting will not wait for regulation. Enough stories about com-

pulsive gambling are now surfacing to grip the Ameri-can public's imagination, such as the recent case of four Nebraska people who, together, lost \$256,000 over two years. One of them, Gregory Hausner, stayed at the same craps table for 50 straight hours without sleeping or eating, placing \$5 bets until he collapsed into bed from exhaustion. That time, he ended \$25 ahead, but over two years he lost \$35,000. "Craps is my monster", he said.

A government assessment of the social and economic impact of gambling is long overdue. So is a thorough rebuttal of the industry's worst arguments for its existence, which have gained enough credibility to distort tax and social spending, to the cost of the poorest people in

The best argument for gambling is the principle, not

bled added to growing fears very controversial in the US, to a recent study for the ment that gambling is money much freedom to do what they want as possible. The more suspect arguments are that gambling brings wealth to the US, in particular to the poor regions where casinos tend to be located. The industry points out that according

ation by Arthur Andersen, the consultant, casinos have created 300,000 jobs directly and 400,000 in other industries that supply them.

But so far, the industry has not mounted a convincing rebuttal of the classic argu-

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Casinos	\$ bn	over 1994
Nevada slot machines	7.09	7.4
Nevada table games	3.86	8.1
Riverboats	4.65	42.7
Other casino games	2.40	25.6
State lotteries	15.24	7.9
Horses	3.07	4,5
Greyhounds	0.61	-4.2
Charity gambling	2.49	4.3
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wise spend elsewhere. There

is much local evidence that gambling cannibalises small businesses. In the decade after gambling was intro-duced, Atlantic City lost 40 per cent of its restaurants. Workers in the industry also tend to earn very low wages. and find it hard to progress to

better jobs.

A second dubious argument is that state lottery revenue and taxes on casinos pay for local schools and hospitals, a claim that has earned gambling companies widespread public praise and makes many feel good about having a fluster

The New York state lottery markets itself with the slogan supporting education since 1967". But regional school boards complain that, in practice, their share of state

money has not increased. Politicians opposed to gambling point out that as poorer people spend a larger proportion of their income on gambling, the use of gambling revenue to pay for essential services amounts to a highly

the industry has played down claims that gambling is addictive for a small proportion and financially damages

many others.
William Thompson. a University of Nevada professor who specialises in re-search into gambling. estimates that three-quarters of gambiers can exercise selfenough to hurt their families. while about 4 per cent cannot stop without help, and 0.5 per cent become highly self-destructive. The industry claims, with some justice, that most studies have been small in scale. If it achieves nothing else, President Clinton's commission will perform a public service by taking a tough look at the figures on both sides of the argument.

But the problem is that even if the commission concludes that the benefits of gambling are more threadbare than the industry claims and the damage to the poorest people in society greater than previously thought, it is not clear that it can do much about it.

It is late in the day to start designing a national gambling policy from scratch: given the growing power of state governments to dismiss ton, it may be too late to have any effect. It would be politically impossible for the White House at this stage to tell state governors to shut gambling

The one policy open to the US Government is to impose federal taxes for the first time on the industry. Clearly, as even opponents of gambling point out, this would have the same regressive effect as local taxes, hitting poorer people harder than those richer.

But it is not necessary to be as cynical as directors of gambling companies to say that this is the most likely outcome. The lure of apparently easy money is as addic-tive for politicians as for

But to dress up new taxes in the deceptive arguments of existing ones by claiming that the industry is always good for poor communities would be a pity. It would negate the only value the commission is likely to have - shedding light on an industry that has worked hard at being misunderstood.

Simon saga highlights a clash of cultures

Lord Young on why business

and politics are worlds apart

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By the time I became a

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ord Simon of Highbury can enjoy his holiday now, for he has been bloodied as a politician and his first crisis is over. Of course, if he is going to be effective in his new life he will had to be by persuasion and consent and it took a great have many more, but I do not suppose that he wishes to be reminded of this today. What this affair has shown

once again is the difference in

culture between the worlds of business and politics. I have changed cultures twice in my life and each time the effects were bewildering. My first time was when I left the law to work for Isaac Wolfson, the dynamic head of Great Universai Stores. My whole world fell apart, for as a solicitor I had been brought up to say no, to look out for the things that could go wrong for your client. Suddenly I was in an environment that only wanted to say yes, to find new and innovative ways to prosmany months to feel comfort-

able in my new world. More than 20 years later I left the world of business and became a somewhat unusual civil servant, first as special adviser to Sir Keith Joseph at

ment of Industry and later as chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, Sir Keith was the ideal minister to introduce me to the then mysterious ways of Whitehall, I was put into

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another building, given the cipal, told to report to an Assistant Secretary and left to sink or

swim. For the best part of a year, a year in which I rarely

saw any minister. I thought

that I was drowning, rather

than swimming. Gone were the days of top-down decision

making, of looking at a prob-

lem and just dealing with it.

Now recommendations had to be made to more senior civil

servants, who in turn would

make them to junior minis-

nervous when I returned as

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My next job, at the Man-

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All the things I did by instinct in the outside world

they drummed into me!



have been classed as an involuntary sale and not one where he would have been taking advantage of any spe-cial knowledge. Still, all this is behind us now, but a valuable lesson will have been learnt for all future businessmen. We do need an interchange between business and government, not because businessefficient ministers but because

all government must be aware of the needs of the rest of the community. If we do not have sufficient regard for an enterprise society, to the wealth midst, then our standard of living will go into relative decline. You have only to look across the Channel to see the results of governments failing to listen to the needs of business. Our new Government has started well in recruiting the likes of Martin Taylor and Lord Simon, although the Camelot affair was certainly a setback. Still, that is probably behind us now.

We are still early in the life of this Government and sufficient business leaders have already shown themselves to be sympathetic to the policies of new Labour for the Government not to be short of advice. Some may well be tempted to cross the line and enter the Government. When they do so (and I hope that some will. in spite of the publicity of the past few weeks) they should remember that they are entering a new world where appearances are even more important than reality.

League players

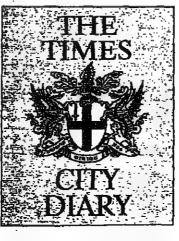
SBC Warburg, which clawed its way back from seventh to first place in the league of financial advisers on European cross-border transactions in the six months to end-June, according to the latest review by Acquisitions Monthly. The firm advised on 18 deals worth £6.9 billion, adding to its reputation as a haven for slick-suited corporate financiers. Down at Canary Wharf, fast-talking Morgan Stanley consolidated its position at number two in the table, advising



BEHIND THE SCENES tussling at US-based Entergy Corporation. SEC Warburg, which clawed its way acquisition of London Electricity. Morgan advised on 19 deals worth 65.4 billion in all. The prize for achievement goes to UBS, which made number three, a 15-place improvement on last year. Among 14deals, UBS advised Coca-Cola Enterprises on the £1.9 billion acquisition of Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages.

Morgan Stanley aside, US players in the top half of the league table include IP Morgan in fourth spot. Goldman Sachs, eighth, and Merrill Lynch, ninth. Philip Healey, editor of Acquisitions Monthly, says: "US banks are making their mark on the market place. SBC Warburg has always done well; however there are plenty of other banks snapping at its heels." Time to watch their backs.

INTRIGUING note to the accounts of Megalomedia, the media company chaired by Lord Saatchi, latterly of Conservative Party election fame. At end-March, I read, the princely sum of £383 was due from one Ms J. Hart, a director, "in respect of temporary personnel provided to her under normal commercial terms. All amounts due have been settled subsequent to the balance



Josephine Hart, aka Lady Saatchi. wife of the chairman, and successful novelist. "It's for temps for her books," explains Christopher Parker, the chief executive.

Spin-doctor

AMID the travails of Lord Simon of Highbury, spare a thought for Colin Scabrook, long-suffering press of-ficer at the Department of Trade and Industry. Scabrook, one of Whitehall's more seasoned spin-doctors. spent most of Tuesday seeking to resolve the furore over the peer's BP share stake. He has spent about 48 hours in the past two days tackling the issue. Seabrook knows a thing or sheet date." Ms J. Hart, of course, is two about handling a crisis. His pre- law firm, has been living up to his rep-

vious boss was Peter Davis, the direc-

NEC Needham

THE purge of Tories at Stanhope Gate continues. Yesterday saw the departure of another true-blue standard bearer, Sir Richard Needham. bound for NEC, the Japanese chip builder. Tadahiro Sekimoto, chairman, is convinced Needham is "Britain's longest-serving Minister of Trade". Not true. Needham spent three years at the DTI. Elsewhere, Standard Life has appointed John Cummins, 35, to the newly-created post of head of treasury. He joins from MBNA International Bank.

Close call

AAAH, the fast-paced world of insurance. Jennifer Morrison, marketing director of PI Direct, the new insurance company launched today, nearly saw her plans scuppered by a funeral procession. Morrison recently went on honeymoon to Ireland, roaming the countryside in a gypsy caravan. While on the road, she was anxiously awaiting a fax of her contract of employment - a minor point that had been allowed to slip ahead of the wedding. Morrison signed in the nick of time rust as a hearse was threatening to block her way. Not to be outdone. PI Direct's founder, Michael Wood, a former partner in Eversheds, the City

utation as a fast-living Australian. Wood, 36, who hails from Brisbane, is a dab hand at cricket, hitting 54 runs at a game in Kent on Monday. "I was doing my best not to get a black eye." he tells me.

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Michael Wood, of PI Direct, is a dab hand at cricket

ACCOUNTANCY

A fresh look at the PFI

Robin Hutchings says finding right solutions means understanding

the product as well as the process

he review of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) by the Paymaster General clearly addresses the need to focus on the aim of the scheme and those within Government with the skills to deliver it.

A new Treasury taskforce will be charged with identifying and structuring schemes so that they are economically viable and deliverable before they come to the market. It will also give particular regard to the suitability of the proposed advisers and improve quality by checking their credentials. knowledge, commitment and depth of resource.

The taskforce's role in ensuring all future projects that come to the market are correctly focused and staffed will be critical. Success requires commitment, and not just from government departments and bidders. Advisers must have the right skills and be committed to the success of the project to ensure that it can be, and is, delivered. By working with the right advisers the Government, private sector providers, and, most importantly, the taxpayer will benefit from the right solutions being delivered. That

means understanding the pro-

Andersen back in

IT IS quite remarkable how

things can change. For years,

Arthur Andersen was denied

government work because of

the long-standing litigation

over the collapse of the

DeLorean car venture. Civil

servants were supposed to

brandish a cross and garlic to deter advancing Andersen

partners. However, the ban

was lifted a matter of weeks

ago, and look what has

happened since. Chris Wales,

tax partner, this week said

favour at the top

review makes limited mention of the product. It highlights the importance of the service content within PFI transactions, urging departments to focus on specifying the services to be delivered from an asset rather than specifying the nature of the asset itself. The importance of the scope

of the projects and its impact on the accountancy treatment of any asset created cannot be The review notes the private

sector's concern over accounting treatment of the underlying assets of the PFI transactions and recommends that the Treasury should issue guidance in consultation with the Account-ing Standards Board and the Office of National Statistics by September 30. That is perhaps easier than it sounds.

The decision as to whether an asset is recognised by the public sector (thus necessitating the investment to score against the PSBR) or by the private sector provider can appear to be a movable target. While the accountancy standards on which this decision rests, FRS 5 and SSAP 21, have not altered, their interpretation, given the number of variables in some PFI transactions, has made the

that he was leaving the firm to

be an adviser to the Chancel-

for of the Exchequer to sort out

reform of corporate tax. And,

best of all, David Clementi.

another Andersen alumnus.

has been made Deputy Gov-ernor of the Bank of England. The smiles down in Surrey

Street are broader than ever.

SIR Ronald Hampel may come unstuck in his belief

Costs tell a story



Robin Hutchings says the taskforce's role will be critical

ultimate decision often difficult

Many PFI transactions have weaved along the line between on or off balance sheet and have struggled to achieve true value for money, not least large hospital transactions. This is not surprising where the scope of services to be delivered from an asset within a PFI project is limited, giving little opportuni-

that most things in the world

of corporate governance are

The last round of corporate

governance reforms sprang

from the discovery of what

had gone on during the late 1980s boom. Hampel thinks that things are still fine in the

current boom. A better beil-

wether might be the latest ac-

counts from the Financial

Reporting Review Panel,

whose job it is to root out what

it tactfully describes as "depar-

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and making it difficult to see the project as anything other than the procurement of an asset. This would be reflected in the overall value of the project by a high proportion of the cost of the underlying asset relative to the present value of The PFI has shown that it

can deliver real savings when it is applied to the projects for which it was designed. Pro-

Act. Investigation costs were £19,000 in 1996. In the year to

March this year, they had risen to £259,000.

To see ourselves . . .

THE Chartered Institute of

Taxation are a happy bunch.

Rivalry within the tax profes-

sion is hardly non-existent,

but the institute manages to

coexist more or less happily

with the tax faculty of the in-

means exactly that, the provision and operation of the whole prison and not just the provision of the asset. It is by truly optimising the design of an asset with its core operation that operational efficiency and the effectiveness of capital in-

vestment are truly maximised. Successful PFI involves demonstrating value for money and sufficiency of risk transfer Value for money is created through transferring risks to those better able to manage them. In general, where we see savings of 20 to 30 per cent then we can be sure that we are close to an optimal point. Sufficiency of risk transfer, on the other hand, often means transferring enough risk simply to create an off balance sheet transaction.

Risk transfer, value for money and affordability are connected. Transferring risks the private sector is unable or unwilling to manage will reduce potential value for money

and lead to an unaffordability. Public-private partnerships reflect a shift in the role of government in a number of countries from being a direct provider of public services towards becoming a procurer of services and a regulator. The PFI is one form of publicprivate partnerships and this review does much to ensure that it will continue to develop the potential it so clearly has. The author is an Arthur Anderses

PFI specialist and former Private Finance Evenutive Panul member.

stitute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, although there are occasional imes of friction.

And, as ever, people really know that they are doing a good job when someone sees them as a threat. So the CIOT is very pleased indeed. It has learnt that, in the midst of the English institute's work on its own future, the CIOT is indeed seen to be threatening that future.

"It is the biggest compliment we have received," said a senior CIOT chap this week.

ROBERT BRUCE

Competence rises above qualification

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THE figures tell the story. There are roughly z' million tampayers in this country and four million of them have tax advisers. Despite assurances from the Inland Revenue that additional tax advice is not researchers found further disparities. additional tax advice is not necessary, the impact of self-assessment must surely increase both the number of taxpayers seeking advice and the number of tax advisers there to provide it. And that will bring the issue of

regulation back into the spotlight.
Anyone can be a tax adviser and place their card in a newsagent's window, or put a listing into the Yellow Pages selephone directory. The result of a sudden burst of new business, as a result of self-assessment, will not show itself for another six months or so. But experience suggests that a growing number of taxpayers, at the bottom end of the market, will be disappointed. There will be a call for widespread regulation. We have been there before. At the end of

1995 the tax charity, TaxAid, published a research report which concluded that "some"

form of regulation of the tax profession is now inevita. ble. Now the author of that report, Sue Green of Bristol University, has, with the help of Kathy Leach of Warwick University, returned to the topic. They were asked by the Chartered Institute of Taxation to investigate the reasons behind what became categorised as "the 100 worst cases", drawn from the main accountancy bodies, the files of TaxAid and of the Adjudicator's sent in to the researchers. The idea was that such an analysis would give a clearer idea of what needs to be

tightened up.

And this is where the problems begin. Regulation within the financial world has invariably been prompted by some large criminal scandal or other. But the yast majority of examples of inadequate work can be pinned to simple incompetence rather

than perarious intent. The results of the new research confirm this but also point to another way forward. The research shows that "there can be an enormous gulf between the work undertaken. and the office environment of advisers who are part of specialist, well-organised practices and those who number tax as just one of a range of activities undertaken

"No one is immune to making mistakes the report says, "but in the former category it is likely to be a technical mistake which leads

Both groups can get things wrong. We encountered examples where qualified and unqualified practitioners were out of their depth, either to terms of the advice that they were trying to offer or the amount of work they had to cope with. We also spoke to unqualified practitioners who have years of specialist experience and who could offer

advice of the highest professional standard."
In other words most tax advisers are doing a good job. Where the public is being failed is generally through simple office incompetence. Practice management, or the lack of it, is what brings most professional advisers into contact with complaints bodies. Disciplinary hearings are more likely to ring to heart-rending tales of stressed practitioners unable to cope with running their own businesses than to devious characters cynically lining their pockets.

"Much of what goes wrong,"

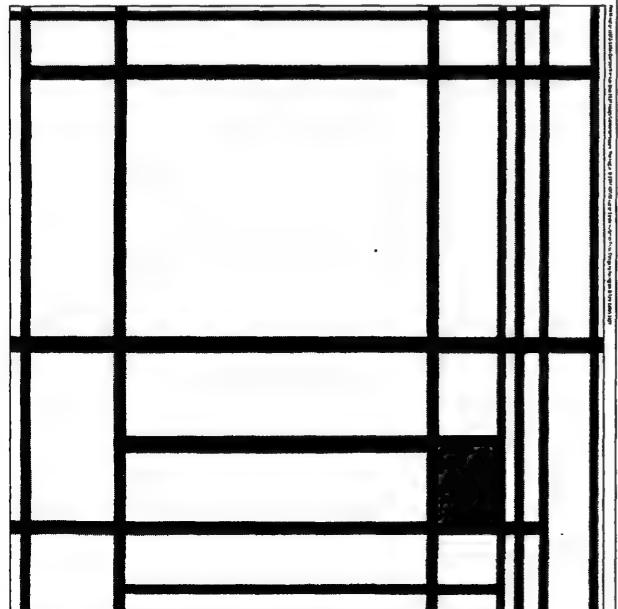
says the report. "can be put down to poor communication with clients and inadequate office procedures."

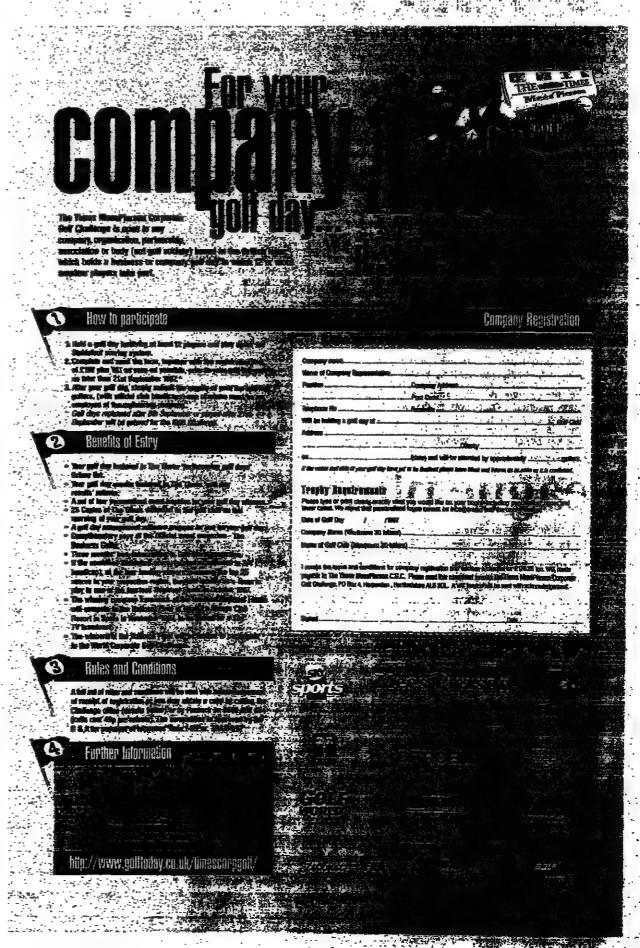
The avalanche of selfassessment work is not going to help. But the level of complaints is still remarkably low. The question is how to regulate the tax profession, if at all. One difficulty in that it is a profession but it is not all under one roof. Unqualified tax practitioners are not under anyone's roof. And this might be the way for-ward. The research found that "this group were particularly supportive of proposals" to regulate their profession as they see this as a way in which their experience can gain formal recognition." And the report suggests

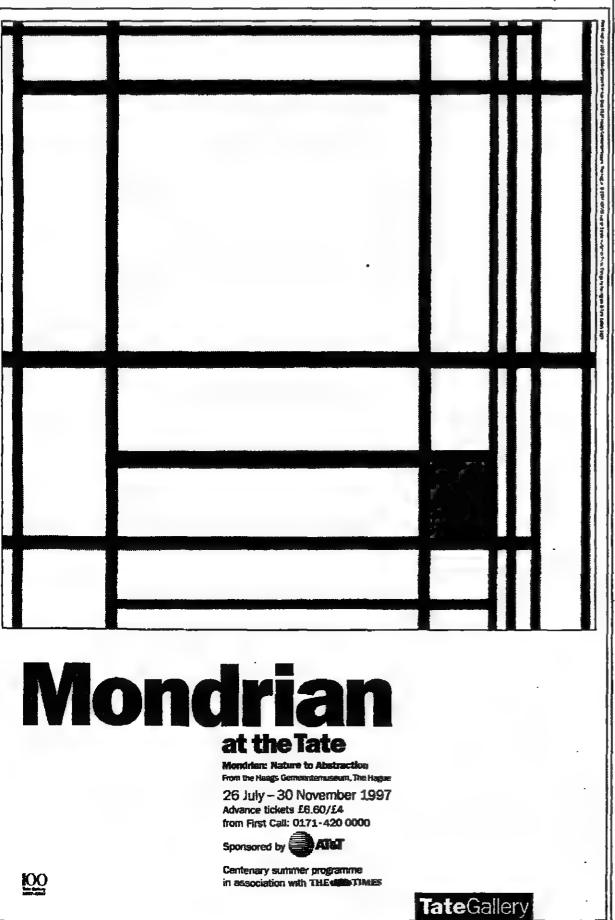
that an independent regulatory body may be required, in which case "such an umbrella body could oversee the regulation of all tax practitioners within the UK, including those who are unqualified and some form of registration of tax advisers might be the best

way to achieve this".

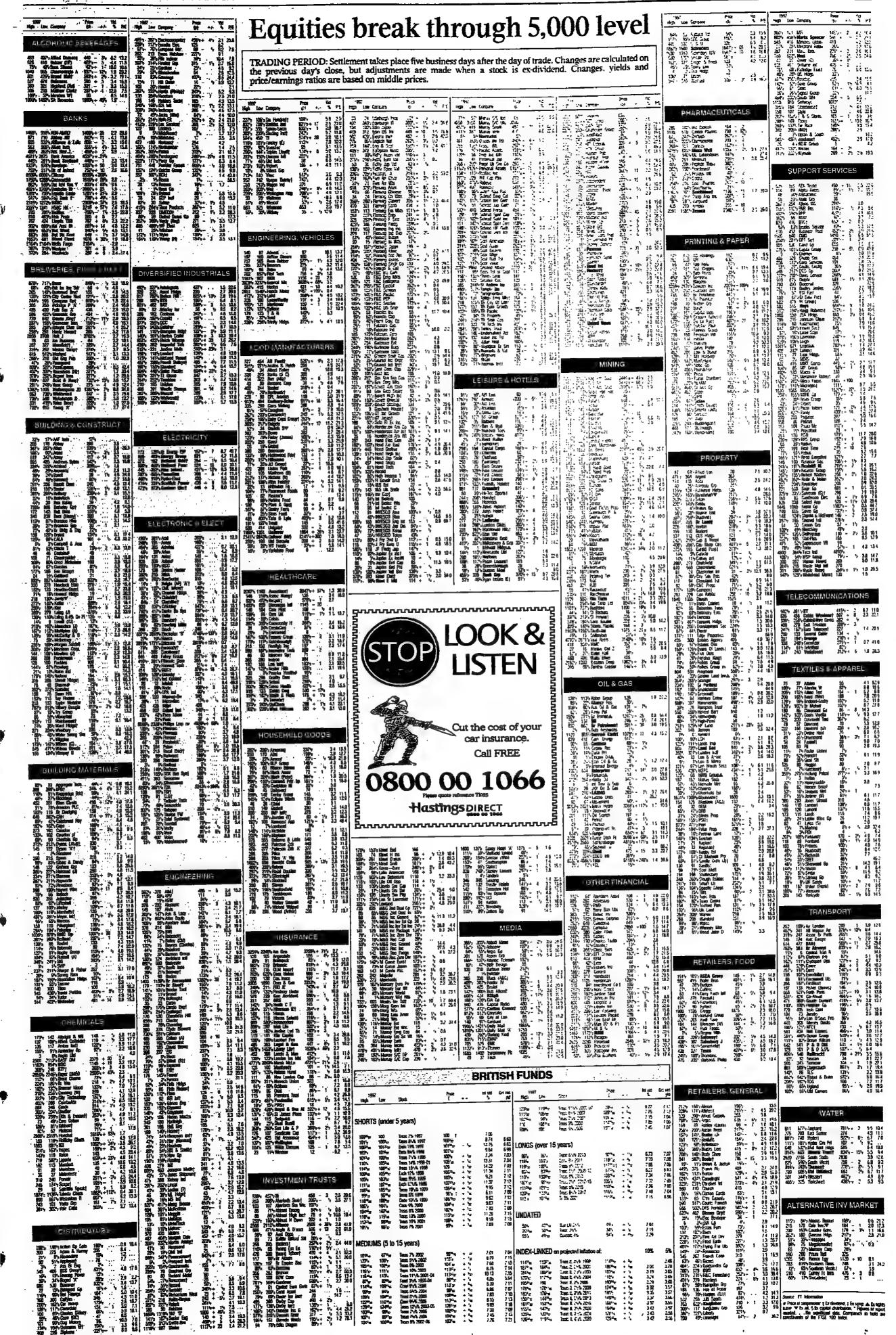
If the business of tax advice does, as a result of self-assessment, need to extend down to become a mass-market business then regulation will be needed as an assurance. But it will be much more important to ensure that the public has a better chance of distinguishing competent tax advisers from the incompetent.







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Thomson as Lord and Lady Chillem, and Michael Denison and Dulcie Grey

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pital bed, more vegetable than person. Her husband, a travel writer who calls himself J.G., gets his lissome agent to join him in talking to her. Together, they reveal they have had an affair. "after the lunch stuff" and a bit "squalid, or so he says. This does not please the agent at all, but she perseveres with a joint confession that gets weirder and maybe more fanciful, J.G. says he dreamt of his agent and wife in ecstasies of lesbian love, and the agent agrees: That's the truth of it, I wanted to be your lover, not his."

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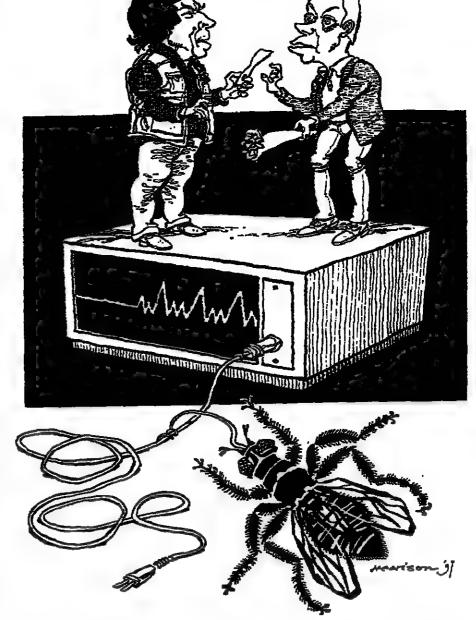
Who but Simon Gray could have penned that scene? Throughout his career he has traveiled to strange, remote lands, but, unlike those from which Alan Bates's J.G. dispatches his jokey observations, they are situated in the heart, stomach and bowels. His dark continent, with its secret treacheries and convoluted pains, is human and inner. But in Life Support there is a difference, and a dramatically important one. This time emotional exposure has a highly practical purpose, which is to jolt a breathing corpse back to life.

After all, nothing else has worked during the weeks within which Gray's 100minute play occurs. J.G. holds imaginary conversations with Gwen, whose brain has been deadened by a bee-sting in the tropics, and some of these have touched on difficult matters. At times he squeaks out Life Support Aldwych

her accusing or reproachful ripostes, mimicking her voice; at times he (and we) hear Georgina Hale's Gwen herself speaking. He also plays a cassette of Silent Night to her. gets his brother Jack (Nickolas Grace) to ask her body for a loan, and simply sits and stares at her. But nothing, not even his erotic revelations, gets more than an involuntary smirk or sigh from Gwen.

Once or twice I had my doubts - Jack's slimy callousness verges on caricature but by the end I felt that Life Support was one of Gray's finest, strongest exercises in sardonic tragedy, black comedy, categorise it how you will. It touches on many subjects, from the inscrutability of fate to the way we project feeling on others to the problem of whether and how long we should keep human vegetables officiously alive: but at its centre is something more wrenching. How do people cope with loss and grief, and especially with a loss that is not yet complete and a grief that cannot be clear-cut?

The parents of missing children must feel this way. So must the relatives of those struck down by strokes, Alzheimer's or other such afflictions, particularly if, as in Life Support, the relationship has an unsatisfactory, unfinished feel to it. That a lonely, resentful Gwen found solace



Alan Bates and Nickolas Grace in Simon Gray's brilliant black comedy. Life Support

in alcohol, and that J.G. was sexually unfaithful, only makes the situation more unbearable. "Everything glowed with a gleam, yet we were looking away," says J.G., quot-ing Hardy. He and Gwen shared a kind of confused love; they barely acknowledged it, and now it's too late.

The supporting cast responds well to Harold Pinter's deft direction. Bates, so often the cool ironist, achieves moments of genuine depth with the help of his clenched fists. bunched face, and red-eyed squints of repressed desperation. But who was the monster in the first-night audience

whose mobile phone interrupted J.G.'s moment of maximum confusion, maximum suffering? I would have no compunction about switching off the oxygen of someone as

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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ALL credit to Yakov Kreizberg and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for tackling such a challenging programme on Tuesday night, and for bringing it off in such style.

The real rarity was the orchestral suite Rebus by Igor Markevitch. Better known as a conductor, Markevitch showed early promise as a composer; indeed, in his teens he was hailed as a "second Igor". Stravinsky described his rival as "not so much a wunderkind as a precocious brat", but Diaghilev had confidence in him and commissioned a ballet. That one was never written — Diaghilev died only a month later - but Markevitch subsequently wrote one in his memory. This was Rebus, a short title concealing a wealth of intellectual invention (the word

means a riddle depending on visual symbols and audible puns).

The suite of six movements is a tour de force of contrapuntal virtuosity. The first couple of movements are desiccat-ed in the extreme, and even the ensuing Gigue is hardly a dance to tap your foot to. But the Variations and Fugue both accumulate enormous energy in their piling up of contrapuntal layers, and Kreizberg and his players convinced us of the potency of the score with their well-prepared performance.

Given the link with Stravinsky it was fitting that a work by Igor the First should be included, and a nice touch that it should be The Firebird - one the first Diaghilev ballets, as Rebus rose to the occasion with a rich palette of colour and the same sensitivity to phrasing that had earlier made Mozart's Haffner Symphony so satisfying.

Setting the seal on the evening was a superbly hedonistic performance of Korngold's Violin Concerto, with Gil Shaham the idiomatic soloist. Kreizberg's Straussian credentials allow him to find the space for Korngold's succulent harmonies to settle. and there was inimitable panache too in the run to the finish. I wish they hadn't repeated those bars as an encore, however. Action replays should be kept for Match of the Day.

CABARET

Spoon-fed elegance

Interpolated into a long-forgotten hit show of 1905, The Earl and the Girl. the ditty marked Jerome Kern's arrival as a commercial force. It does not take long to see why this period piece originally sung by chorus girls from flower-strewn swings - lapsed into obscurity. Yet Marcovicti re-enacts the cov spectacle with such panache, taking both the male and female parts, that the sugar-coated sentiments hardly seem an issue.

The American vocalist is ensconced

for the rest of the month, her Kern tribute alternating with Ten Cents A Dance, her celebration of the songs of Ruth Etting. On the opening night it was the creator of Showboat who took

as an actress — she starred with Sam Waterston in a Central Park production of Hamlet and appeared in Martin Ritt's film The Front - comes to the fore in the astute, waspish

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🕇 he name of Edgar G. Ulmer is unlikely to stop the traffic save on those occasions when all the drivers are movie buffs. By the end of the month, however, his name ought to have been noised up and down Lothian Road, for Ulmer is the subject of an extensive retrospective at the Edinburgh Film Festival.

Widely forgotten in the United States (where he lived from 1923. when he was 19 and never known in Britain, the Austrian director is a film-maker whose work now speaks to increasing numbers of students and would-be directors, largely because of his sensibility but also in a period of tight money and inventive methods — because he so often made bricks without straw.

Between 1929 and 1965 Ulmer made 128 movies, just four of them for major studios. The figures disguise the fact that he habitually shot the whole film in six days. What was once seen as endearing cussedvirtue. Twenty-six testimonies to this style are on show at the festival. a crash course to be relished.

Thoughtful American cinéastes doff their hats. "The director can rely only on his resourcefulness." says Martin Scorsese. "In fact Ulmer's idiosyncratic style grew out of such drastic limitations. This is why he has become over the years such an inspiration to low-budget film-makers."

"He was remarkable." John Landis says. "He managed to overcome tremendous obstacles and do quality work within an extraordinary variety of place and circumstance. He always took advantage of film itself in lighting and camera place ment to enhance the production



Martha Vickers and Sydney Greenstreet in Ruthless of 1948, Edgar G. Ulmer's sour and unyielding indictment of American business:

And according to Peter Bogdanovich. "somehow he seemed never to lose his excitement or enthusiasm. no matter how lowly the work. He found ways to make things interesting. Everything that might be considered a hindrance by most was a challenging test for him. He took wild risks all the time and always

The sensibility that now feels so

in Detour. Made in 1946 for a paltry \$20,000, it is a relentlessly bleak chiller that runs to only seven speaking roles and half a dozen sets, yet in the course of 69 minutes a man's romantic gesture in crossing the continent to be with his woman has led him down a road that undermines his sense of morality

and then destroys his life. lates the mood of expatriate Euro-

pean film-making at the end of the war, a consuming fatalism whose roots were in German expressionism but whose eyes were on American corruption and the paranoia of being alone in a morally bankrupt land. Martin Scorsese calls it "an ironic morality play" and cites a line from the film's voiceover as a definition of film noir: "Whichever way you turn, fate sticks out its foot

Another key picture is Ruthless, Ulmer's depiction of a Citizen Kanelike quest for wealth and power unredeemed by any "Rosebud" nonsense. Ulmer's driven hero performs a childhood feat of heroics similar to that of the hero of Frank Capra's IF's a Wonderful Life: he saves another child from drowning (the same boy enacts the scene in each

sentiment of Capra and the barnstorming self-advertisement of Orson Welles. Ruthless is as sour and unyielding as they come and Ulmer would have had it more so if the production company had supported him. But anti-Communism was at its height in 1948 and this indictment of American business was inevitably out and diminished. The pseudonymous screenplay credit masks the identity of Alvah Bessie, one of the Hollywood Ten. Who served time for so-called un-Ameri-

can activities. Early in his career, it was Ulmer who first put together Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi in The Black Cat of 1934, which John Landis playfully dubs "glossy big budget Universal Studio horror". In fact its economy of means and the inadequacy of the uvenile leads scarcely harm Ulmer's vision of an intellectual joust, the subtext of which is the nature of capitalism.

He pulls off several stunning shots that anticipate an era of much more sophisticated camera work and, intriguingly enough, the image of a wife preserved in a tank resurfaces in this year's Batman & Robin. This is a neglected classic. only bettered in the genre by James Whale's Bride of Frankenstein made the following year.

dinburgh's season boasts collectors' items that may not pass your way again. There is The Wife of Monte Cristo, a piece of Dumas apocrypha and Ulmer's biggest project to date in 1946, taking all of a fortnight to shoot; Green Fields, a movie told in a language he did not speak, Yiddish, which yet made money in New York and his name in France, where his reputation has remained high; and The Naked Dawn, the most important of his late movies in Technicolor, a triangular story of lust shot as a sweaty, Mexican

Edgar G. Ulmer is shining testament to the argument that you can make art without resources. With no marquee stars his films could never draw the town, but many a star has faded, while Ulmer's vision looks clearer today than in his lifetime.

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mbridge as the last redoubt of Shakespeare on radio? Sounds daft enough to be true. Andrew Coker of London N19 wrote to The Times on Tuesday, saying that the change he would like to see on Radio 4 would be the dropping of endless amateur dramatics in The Archers. He cited the present Ambridge production of that play within a play. A Midsummer Night's Dream: "Actors playing countryfolk play actors playine countryfolk acting."

Quite so. One of the reasons I dislike The Archers is that it seems to be full of people one would cross a Bosnian minefield to avoid, so I am not best pleased with James Boyle's decision to give the show an extra airing every week. But that was a good tactical move by the Radio 4 Controller, who knows that

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more of The Archers is one way to get the guns of middle England off his lawn.

The thrust of changes, announced last week, is as predicted in this space some time ago. They are neither populist nor halfbaked and as such they are to be welcomed, though I cannot believe that the battle to retain The Moral Maze in its Thurs day morning slot is yet con-

But back to Shakespeare One of the more interesting aspects of Boyle's new schedule is that drama slots will in future be no longer than 60 minutes, which effectively means that, yes, Ambridge can have the Bard on an exclusive contract.

Boyle was speaking in code if I have him right. For 60 minutes, read modern. Until now radio drama slots have tended to be dictated by theatrical conventions. One hour is not long to spend in a theatre but it makes perfect sense for radio. So if we are likely to get

more of the fare I enjoyed at the weekend, then jolly good. If this sounds like a sneaky way to mention Ladies' Day. the Saturday Playhouse production written by my colleague Lynne Truss, I shall thwart accusations of bias by chance without the right actor. and Josie Lawrence was marvellous in this with excursion through one of the last male bestions, the golf club.

If Ladies Day was fun at 50 minutes, two half-hour plays of a very different nature late on Saturday night also showed the ment of brevity. The Favour and The Art of Kindness were both in the New Found Land season of North American plays. Each had absorbing complexities, each rewarded a little effort on the part of the listener.

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None of this work is to every taste but all of it warrant Ecoosure on an articulate national network. If Shakespeare were around today, I expect he would cheerfully write for 60minute slots. In changing times, good art will always

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Still life with colourful piano

in the great cathedral square of Cologne, a diminutive figure in an overlong greatcoat turns for a moment and pauses, suddenly magicked by the little mechanical pantomime of a musical clock.

This enchanted boy will, within ten minutes, be seated at the piano inside the concert hall of the Philharmonie, coiled like a spring, his fingers tangling with the woodwind. his feet marking out the dance of Bartók's Second Piano Concerto, his voice gently insistent, debating points of ensemble with the conductor in rehearsal. Two hours later, every one of András Schiff's fingernails is broken. "It's like a workout," he murmurs. "If only the keys were still made of ivory."

Before the seduction of the musical clock, Schiff's day had started with Bach — as it always does. And it is Bach

András Schiff tells Hilary Finch about the musical chairs he will be playing at Edinburgh's Usher Hall

and Bartok, back to back, that he brings to Edinburgh next week, when he will perform the three Bartok Concertos with the Budapest Festival Orchestra, framed by latenight solo recitals of The Well-Tempered Clavier, Bach's 48 Preludes and Fugues.

That's no coincidence," declares Schiff. Barrok played a lot of Bach and edited his works. He was the most important composer for him. Of course, the 48 Preludes

and Fugues were never intendfor concert performance. But if you play them through. with the sort of concentration that's possible in these wonderful late-night concerts, you can create an extraordinary sense of community with the audience, something intensely spiritual. I start every day with Bach. He is perfect exercise for



the body, the mind, the spirit, the soul!"

If Bach is a major influence in Schiff's Bartok, then so is the playing of Bartok himself. preserved in countless archive recordings. "Thank goodness we have all this material. What we would give to have it from Mozart! To hear Bartok himself playing is so beautiful. so revelatory. His playing is

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anything but percussive. To think this cliche about his music still exists. Bartók was a product, after all, of the 19th century, of the Liszt school of playing. It's not as far from Paderewski as you might think, either. If you listen to Bartok playing Schumann or Chopin, the two hands are never quite together. And they shouldn't be in Bartok either. The musical notation may indicate one huge single chord, but Bartok doesn't play it, as so many young planists do, cut out as if by a razor blade. No, it ripples like an arpeggio, back and forth. up

and down. I cannot imitate it. But neither can I ignore it." Schiff's own performances. more resonant, more softfocused than, for example, those of his compatriot and contemporary, Zoltan Kocsis.

ularly notable in the third concerto. How is he able to find such stillness within the life he is compelled to lead? "One must find it. I try to live that way. A year ago I moved from Salzburg to Florence, In Tuscany I found this sense of peace and quiet, of equilibrium between culture and nature. Even in one or two days there. I find I can recharge my

"Many people dislike this third concerto. They feel it's a step back from the first two. I don't agree. The composer has experienced revolution in his life, and come out the other side. It's a transfigured piece."

Bartók's Third Concerto is a work for the mature years, then? "Well, not necessarily, I played it when I was only 20, still living in Hungary. And I came to the First Concerto last of all, and that was right, because it is the most difficult,



András Schiff starts every day with Bach: "Perfect exercise"

the most revolutionary of all. Bartók was often attacked for writing it badly. But it is wonderfully written! It just takes a lot of time to achieve the proper balance with the orchestra. Bartók himself asked that the percussion be seated well forward in this work, right close to the piano." Schiff insists on this, too, and looks forward to his

games of musical chairs in the

Usher Hall. How does this most exacting critic of instruments and venues rate Edinburgh's Victorian pile? "It's marvellousi I love the Usher Hall. I haven't yet played Bartok in it, but I can't wait."

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Paganini is the earlier and superior of the two. Forget the preposterous story of the violinist's brief dalliance with the sister of Napoleon. Lehár serves up plenty of good tunes for the solo fiddle (Paul Barritt) and the singer in the title role. Bonyage's tenor of the moment, Jerry Hadley, dispenses all the ease and charm he reserves for this repertory in Girls were made

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to love and loss. The Viljalied. apart, Lehár never wrote a more rewarding aria.

Telarc's new soprano is Deborah Riedel, replacing Nancy Gustafson. She is only so-so in Paganini but comes into her own in Giuditta, where Lehar gives her a hit number, Meinen Lippen sie kussen. Much of the rest of the composer's one attempt at grand opera is considerably less inspired.

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find it difficult to put my finger on what exactly makes these performances of Beetho ven concertos so satisfying, I am nonetheless convinced that they are of exceptional quality. In style they veer somewhat towards old-fashioned Romanticism. Perhaps this is

to say anything about him in

the booklet of this recording. If

lames Levine's influence certainly he favours strong, dra-matic tuttis in the fast movements and almost mystical lyricism in the slow ones. But Kissin is not far behind in the Adagio of the Emperor he is profoundly meditative

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But wait. Something is different about Rowan Atkin-son's TV creation Mr Bean. A lowly employee of London's National Gallery, he is bundled off to Los Angeles to preside over the unveiling of Whistler's Mother at the painting's new home. Asked for an expert opinion, his face yanks itself this way and that in the struggle to get the brain working. Eventually he finds an answer. "Nice frame."
Says? Shouldn't Atkinson's

selfish, socially inept bumbler make jokes through grimaces and slapstick alone? He does most of the time on TV. But unless you are a visionary film-maker — Jacques Tad. say - you carnot sustain such a creation in a feature film without compromises. Bean has become a fulltime talker because he must further the plot, and interact with characters. He talks in America because the production company, Working Title, aims to conquer the American market.

Is all this sacrilege? It did not seem so to the young audience with whom I shared the film. When Bean let rip a thunderbolt of a sneeze, hilarity ensued. When he wet his trousers in a high-tech loo. ditto. Every bit of chaos Beangenerated, whether trying to skateboard or reducing Whistiers Mother to a blur, brought the house down. This can happen if you reduce comedy to its lowest denominator and time the gags well. But to those who were not



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Flatulent art movie

thing even more worrying than the jokes rounded up by the director; Mel Smith, and Mr Bean's creators (Atkinson, Richard Curtis and Robin Driscoll). This was the attempt to stretch the essentially obnoxious Bean into something resembling a human being.

As the house guest of Peter MacNicol, curator of LA's Grierson Art Gallery, Bean expresses remorae at rutning his home life and, possibly, career. We catch glimpses of Bean's loveless childhood, and are asked to feel sorry. I balked at this. The need to convert a cartoon creation intoa three-dimensional being brings other hazards, especially if the plot and the cast's performances still seem pitched at the cartoon level. Would the National Gallery beamirch itself by packing

Bean abroad as an art expert? If Bean is clever enough to penetrate the museum after hours and make repairs to the damaged painting, why is he otherwise so stupid? And why care two figs for a curator who appears, in MacNicol's perior-

mance, such a vacuous drip? If you are laughing away merrily, such questions never arise. But Bean is the kind of shallow movie that only works if you shut your mind to the qualities of all great cornedy: rigour, intelligence, imagina-

tion and humanity.

Oddly enough, the man who directed the Bean TV series, Paul Weiland, has his own movie out this week, a romantic consedy set in Italy. At best, Roseanna's Grave draws its humour from well-observed characters: there is a detailed texture to Saul Turteltaub's script that suggests a veteran's hand (he has been writing for American TV since 1958).

But neither writer nor director can escape the charge of making much ado about noth-ing... Consider the plot Marcello's wife has a fatal heart condition. The village cemetery has room for only three more bodies, so Marcello tries to keep everyone alive. Even with abundant black comedy and romantic complications, this is not a very

enticing hook. But Weiland and his multinational crew work hard at beguiling us, and their efforts deserve respect. Hear the inflection as Mercedes Ruehi calls her husband's name, Marcello: restament to hours with the dialogue coach. Look at Jean Reno, gesticulating away as Marcello himself, and confident enough in his as-sumed nationality to toss off lokes about the French.

tion. It is neatly crafted, wellmeaning, airy piffle.

Grosse Pointe Blank suits

today's mood much better. George Armitage, the director, specialises in the casual presentation of the bizarre and, in his first venture since the cult crime thriller Miami Blues, he keeps the screen jumping with abrupt dislocations of mood and tongue-in-cheek parody. The material was shepherd-

ed to the screen by the actor John Cusack, who joined forces with chums from his Chicago-based New Crime Theatre Company to embellish Tom Jankiewicz's script about a hired killer attending his class reunion. Cusack takes the central role: an assassin at the crossroads,

faces meeting classmates in Grosse Pointe. Detroit, with dialogue like: "I killed the president of Paraguay with a fork. How have you been?"

here is the problem of Debi (Minnie Driver), the school sweetheart abandoned on prom night ten years ago. He finds his old home torn down. Work also brings headaches: he has one hit to accomplish. and Dan Aykroyd, a rival assassin, is dogging his steps.

Armitage delights in the speciacle of this troubled killer brushing against estate agents and insurance salesmen. There is something winning about the plight of an extraordinary assassin plagued with an adult's ordinary lears, and

most of the actors around Cusack neatly bounce off his panic. Spending three hours with

talkative young French intellectuals may not appear the week's best prospect, but Ma Vie Sexuelle satisfies far more than you might expect. Over time, the youngish director Arnaud Desplechin sucks you into the dithering world of Paul Dedalus, philosophy lecturer, whose thesis and love life sprawl in chaos over the usual Paris friends, apartments and bars.

A fresh leading player helps. Mathieu Amalric boasts tousted hair and an engaging smile, most helpful when unleashing paragraphs of selfanalysis. Just when the film appears bogged down, bizarre comedy erupts: a fall downstairs, perhaps, or the discovery of a colleague's per monkey squashed behind a radiator.

Desplechin's camera tries nothing fancy. The screen needs to be kept clean and tidy for the weight of words, the play of faces and gestures. Amalric aside, Desplechin's cast, all lively young talents, are uniformly excellent.

Ma Vie Sexuelle looks espe cially sparkling next to Tierra. one of those flatulent stylistic exercises that give art movies a bad name. The grandiose imagery and metaphysical burblings only highlight the emptiness of director Julio Medem's tale of a fumigator called Angel and his sexual desires in an agricultural region plagued with woodlice.



Roseanna's Grave cannot One for the whole flock

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Soon enough you accept the cast's impostures, and find enjoyment in the widescreen

photography of Henry

Braham, alert both to golden

sunshine and earthy shadows.

But the tenuous storyline casts

its own shadow. The leads.

too, do not quite lit the picture.

Reno may make a passable

Italian, but the lone killer of

Luc Besson movies cannot act

naive convincingly. Ruehl

looks too healthy to die: and,

even if she seemed at death's

door, would we want it to

matter less if audiences had

more practice in immersing

themselves in old-fashioned

make-believe. As things stand,

Perhaps these flaws would

Leslie: The young actor Mark Frankel died shortly after making this movie. His final performance is dashing, intelgent and beautiful.

GROSSE POINTE BLANK Emma: A darkly furmy take on a brat pack reunion.

Damian: The Day of the Jackal meets The Breakfast Club in this engaging film.
Tim: A well-written and witty assassin romp. Leslie: Just grosse. Another Pulp Fiction wannabe.

Columbia TriStar, U, 1996 ENDEARING tale of orphaned Canada geese who need to be trained to fly and migrate south. Anna Paquin, the wide eyed New Zealand child from The Piano, is their devoted helper. Carroll Bal-lard's film has two main drawbacks — insufficient drama, and an over-generous length - but the film's scenestealing geese, strong emotional core, innocence and sense of optimism all combine

CARLA'S SONG PolyGram, 15, 1996 A BUS driver from Glasgow

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to make amends. Available to

Robert Carlyle) gives up his

bus and his fiancee to follow

an anguished Nicaraguan ref-

ugee (Oyanka Cabezas) back to her homeland. Director Ken Loach's fusion of personal and political dramas may not have



Anna Paquin: good friend to the Canada goose

MERCEDES

RUEHL

"A life

affirming

comedy to

see after

a bad day

at the

office"

and Freedom, but the film's human touches and passionate belief in solidarity still make it something special. Available to rent.

ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN 2 MGM, U. 1996

NOT a sequel one actively craved for, although parents who need to keep tots amused may find a place for this utterly bland cartoon which resurrects the mongrel resident of doggie heaven from the 1989 original. Voiced by Charlie Sheen, he returns to earth to retrieve Gabriel's Horn. but gets distracted by a beautiful irish setter. Songs and art work are both indifferent.

EXTASE Eureka, PG, 1932 ONCE famous for the nude shots of Hedy Kriesler (later known as Hedy Lamarr) enjoying a session of open-air bathing, this Czech triangular drama has not retained much of its erotic zing. But it still has a certain old-world charm, with its simple story and emphasis on visual beauty and the joys of nature and

THE PREACHER'S WIFE Buena Vista, U. 1996
A RETURN to her roots for Whitney Houston as she sings gospel. Unfortunately, she also has to follow a plot that forces her to fall for an angel called Dudley, sent from heaven to help her Baptist minister husband. The plot was last used in a 1947 movie, The Bishop's Wife, and the whim-sy remains dusty with age. Houston and her angel friend, Denzel Washington, look agreeable together, although neither spend much time seri-

ously acting. Available to rent. **GEOFF BROWN**

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Loser in a game of Russian rule

Lawrence

James asks us to stop

blaming Napoleon's

defeat on the weather

f you want to know why the Russians are so jittery about Nato edging towards their frontier. look at their war memorials. There are those to the Second World War and there is the battlefield of Borodino, lovingly restored to look as it did the day Prince Kutusov fought Napoleon to a standstill. The plump field-marshal still has his place in the Russian pantheon and rightly so. Tolstoy warmly approved of the man and his methods. At the close of War and Peace, Tsar Alexander I tells Kutusov: "You have not only saved Russia. you have saved Europe!"

This was indeed so. In 1812. as in 1941-45, a Russian army rescued Europe from a ruthless, self-created man of destiny with a vision of a continent where his will was paramount. Like Hitler, Napoleon got his way by war. He dictated treaties at gunpoint and maintained a vast military machine to chastise anyone who stepped out of line. When Russia did, Napoleon unsheathed his sword and prepared to dazzle the world with another display of his old tactical magic. He would destroy the Russian Army with a single hammer blow, occupy Moscow and impose terms on a chastened Tsar.

It all went dreadfully wrong. On St Helena, Napoleon convinced himself that his strategy had been correct and blamed his undoing on the Russian winter and his subordinates' shortcomings. This was pure delusion. The Russian summer, sultry and punctuated by torrential thunderstorms, proved more debilitating than the cold of winter for an army largely made up of French, German, Italian and Polish conscriots, many of whose hearts were not in the business.

The commissariat soon buckled under the pressure of feeding hundreds of thou-

resurgence of Fascism across

Europe are disturbing. Recently,

the Slovak Government commissioned

and distributed school textbooks mali-

ciously distorting the history of the

Holocaust: while Croatia's Government

repeatedly glorifies the wartime bestial-

ity of its Ustase army. Contrary to the conviction that Hitler's aggressive rac-

ism is nowadays only espoused by a

ragbag of social deviants, it appears that

the bacillus which Hitler nurtured was

never surgically removed from Europe's

neo-Nazism, Martin Lee argues, was the protection and employment of wanted

Nazi war criminals by the Allied Governments after 1945. Undoubtedly.

that cynical betrayal infected Europe's

morality and politics, as British and

American officers, barely days after

Germany's surrender, began secretly

recruiting German mass murderers to

serve their various interests in intelli-

By 1949, when the Federal Republic of

Germany was born, the Germans' sins

had been, while not completely forgotten.

effectively ignored. Other countries,

noting the Allies' blind eye to murder.

welcomed the silent diaspora of wanted

Nazis spreading across the world to

provide Latin American dictatorships

gence, science and industry.

The original cause for this revival of

political system.



Bergeret's painting of Alexander I presenting the Kalmouks Cossacks and Basquirs of the Russian Army to Napoleon in July 1807, five years before the retreat from Moscow.

· NAPOLEON IN RUSSIA By Alan Palmer Constable, £19.95 ISBN 0-09-477560-5

sands of men and horses. Russian armies retired and the peasants burnt crops and slaughtered livestock. Hungry men wandered off to scavenge so that when it came within striking distance of Moscow. Napoleon's army was in a state of apparent deliquescence. This was just what Kutusov

had intended. Tolstoy has him

sum up his strategy in a

sentence: "Patience and time are my warriors, my cham-They proved their worth; Napoleon was confronted with what he feared most, an extended war of attrition of the sort Wellington was winning in Spain. Within a few weeks of entering Rus-

sia, Napoleon was trapped. A withdrawal, or any slackening of the pace of advance, was unthinkable. Either of the two would be universally interpreted as a failure of nerve, fatal for the reputation of a man whose prestige rested on audacity and winning battles. He had to press on: "The army cannot stop, motion alone keeps it together."

Tom Bower on a book charting the resurgence of European neo-Nazism

If the boot fits. . . : One of a growing number of European neo-Nazis prepares for another fight on the town

Another right eye-opener

THE BEAST RE-AWAKENS

By Martin Lee

Little, Brown, <u>120</u> ISBN 03169909424

with expertise in torture or to serve Arab

governments as rocket scientists and

More sinisterly, most incriminated servants of Nazism had remained in

Europe. Thousands became ensconced

as senior officials in West Germany or.

like Otto Skorzeny, the extraordinary SS

officer who rescued Mussolini, lived

openly in Spain. Beneficiaries of the Cold

War, they never repented their sins. On the contrary, ageing Nazis in Germany and across the world welcomed young

disciples attracted to undisguised Nazi

political parties, especially in West

Germany. Reminiscing about past glo-

ries, they preached Aryan superiority

and, most importantly, denied the Holo-

caust. Eager to suck and inherit the

Nazis' experience, the new Fascists were

dedicated to continue Hitler's struggle,

targeting defenceless immigrants before

challenging the state. As memories and an accurate understanding of the Nazi era becomes contaminated by cynical

revisionism, the new Fascists have

undoubtedly gained political credibility.

ntelligence operatives.

in Moscow. Retreat was unavoidable: the Tsar would not bow to a stunned, disintegrating army and winter was

hurrying on. With Cossacks on their heels and dysentery in their bellies, the survivors staggered back to Poland. Fifteen months later, Tsar Alexander led the

allied sovereigns into Paris. Alan Palmer has done justice to these epic events with a lively, vivid narrative, written with the appropriate style and panache. He has also produced an enlightening companion for anyone resolved to read War and Peace this

In Martin Lee's opinion, there is a direct link between old Nazi propagan-

dists like Skorzeny, the bomb outrages perpetuated by Italian neo-Fascists in the

1970's which inurdered hundreds of

innocents and Timothy McVeigh's bomb

in Oklahoma. The source of that link,

Lee argues, is a revival of neo-Fascism in

Germany epitomised by the recent murders of immigrants by youths screaming "Heil Hitler" while, allegedly,

police observed passively from the

sidelines. That tolerance of racist aggres-

sion, writes Lee, is fostered by Helmut

Kohl's brazen nationalism and his

uncritical espousal of extreme right-wing

policies, "metastasizing like a cancerous

Eurosceptics, suspicious that Kohl's

messianic pursuit of European unity is a

camouflage for a German plot to finally

win hegemony, might he convinced. Others will deride Lee's conspiracy

theory and praise Germany's recent

democratic record. Yet the electoral

strength of Jean-Marie Le Pen in France.

Jorg Haider in Austria and of the new

extreme right-wing parties in many

former communist countries including

Russia do justify some of Lee's alarm.

Even as minorities, the new Nazis'

potency reek warnings of future blood-

shed. Sadly, Lee's American slang undermines the credibility of his

growth in German ruling circles".

The devil in the deep

s I read The Perfect Storm, chills ran up and down my spine as it constantly reminded me of past moments at sea when I leared for my life. Having spent countless months at sea, my memory has served me well by immediately erasing the storms through which

have passed when my life hung in the balance. Most people, like myself, think of the sea in a romantic context, of fair winds and a following sea, of beautiful

in the ship's wake. But The Perfect Storm has done away with that as it graphically reminds you that the sea has a far darker side. A face of immeasurable fury, a living Dante of violent winds and towering seas when a mariner's sole thought is that of survival, when ungodly men cower in their bunks below decks praying and promising to repent if God will only take them through this

mighty tempest alive.

The Perfect Storm is the closest you will ever come to

liber — the Roof of the

World, the Land of Snow, the stomping ground of the Yeti — lends

itself to extreme representa-

tion. Its snowy peaks are either associated with the sort

of bumbling lama found in

Herges Tin Tin in Tibet and

Kipling's Kim, who twiddles his sorcerer's beard, while

Oming and ahing into his alms bowl - or the mono-

chrome snaps of political refu-

gees on the cover of donation

envelopes. Hollywood has done little to discourage its mystification, and two films.

Seven Years in Tibet (adapted

from the Heinrich Harrer classic) and Kundun (a title for

the Dalai Lama) are due out

this year. The latter is based

on Mary Craig's book of the

same name, cannily, if oddly inled, as it promises to be a biography of his family.

It is a dream plot - rags to

riches to rags again - which

begins with an account of how

the family of a small boy,

found their lives irrevocably

Craig drawing on informa-tion from Kundun's autobiog-

raphy, conveys the upheaval

from a simple existence on the

yak-herding plains of Amdo, to Lhasa high society. The Dalai Lama and his mother

escape the sleaze-hurling. But

even bodkisativas have embarrassing parents and Kundun's father is shown to

have all the spending power of

a first-time lottery winner.

with an open reputation for

horsetrading and a penchant

His siblings' lives, as Craig

tells them, from the Chinese

occupation through to their

exile, take on a particularly

tragic quality. Although it would be unfair to say that

they have given up the strug-

gle for Tibetan independence, you can't help but feel they are

simply treading water. The

heartbreaking descriptions of

for remote country houses.

caddishness.

Robert Ballard

THE PERFECT STORM By Schastian Junger Fourth Estate, £14.99 ISBN 1857027205

drowning at sea without actually having to do so. But it is more than just a non-fictional tale Stephen King might write. It literally dissects and clinically analyses a freak storm 1991, that caught a hapless fleet of American fishermen on the dangerous fishing grounds off the Grand Banks.

The book focuses on one particular ship, the Andred Gail, following its crew through the days before they set sail on their fatal journey. it's a human tale of men and women who extract a living from the sea in one of the hardest of all professions, commercial fishing. You follow them through what should have been a typical

others, become victims too. At times, the narrative decouples itself from the drama of the moment to explain in detail various aspects of meteorolo gy, oceanography, or technol-ogy so that the reader understands why this is The Perfect Storm and why the

which they never return.

But the crew of the Andrea

Gail are not the only ones to

be caught in the storm as the

rescuers sent to them, and

Andrea Gail doesn't have a fighting chance of survival. is frequently during these narrative moments. It is as if you are reading a coroner's report or an operator's manual for a radar unit. For the average reader, these pas-sages just pass, leaving them to wonder what they just read

and why they were there. At times, it seems like filler. But despite such flaws. The Perfect Storm is well worth the read, although I do not recom-mend it being read while at sea. Pick a nice summer day in a quiet spot well above sea level.

Dalai of the land

Alex O'Connell

KUNDUN A Biography of the Family of the Dalai Lama By Mary Craig

HarperCollins, £17.99 ISBN 000627838 THE SACRED LIFE OFTIBET By Keith Downsan Thorson's , Ei2.99

the repercussions of genocide are early echoed in their personal stories.

His sister Jetsun Perna — as founder of the Tibetan Children's Villages, an education project for new arrivals, secand now third generation.

refugees — comes across as the only one of them still actively involved in the struggle to preserve a fading culture.
The Spiritual Life of Tibet's

the sort of cultural aspic to keep Tibetan history alive: a cross between childrens fantasy and a Baedecker for pilgrims. Dowman's book is an exquisitely crafted historical and cultural trek around the chortons and gompas of the plateau. Downian necessarily uses maps that escaped the nips and tucks of Chinese. cartographers. He navigates with expert precision. Don't be put off by the New Agey chapter headings — Pegging the Earth. The Mountains and Emiliary Code. and Binding Gods and

Demons". As the shamanic characters As the shamanic characters
female sky goddesses called
skydancers (khandromas,
dakinis), Fleshless White
Snow Peak (renamed
indestructable One-Eye after
being hit by her master with a dorje thunderbolt and Hungry Ghosis (yidak) battle it out on the mountain tops, we can be sure, thanks to the likes of Dowman, that the

oral tradition remains intact.

Land of woe sad dispatches from the roof of the world

Past its shelf life

WHAT is happening to the bookshops of Oxford? Niner &

Hill, the specialists in deli-

ciously printed academic texts, disappeared from the high street a couple of years ago. The friendly little shop on Couley Road has gone, as have the stalls in the Jam Factory (where a friend, of mine enviably bought a copy of Complex Words with corrections by Empson). Triles in the Turk is for sale. "We hope it will be taken over by another line bookseller," I am told. We do. The second-hand literary section in Blackwell's has been squeezed again, and now mainly consists of recycled undergraduate texts. Sadly, also, the department is ludicrously reluctant to buy anything in print lest a sale be lost downstairs. Blackwell's fine book branch is one of the country's few and finest showrooms for private press books, but much of its business is done by post and at fairs. Thornton's in Broad Street is still its higgledy-piggledy self, and still is short of desirable books, and I have never been lucky at Waterfield's. Which leaves the forbidding Classics Bookshop — and Oxfam. So will there be no more genera-tions of Oxford collectors like Warden Sparrow of All Souls, who once telephoned a younger don in tactical dudgeon to

Today we have naming of books. Like the naming of children, titles are subject to fashion. Since Flaubert's Parof and Einstein's Monsters. the celebrity possessive has become obsessive. For recent-ly spotted Wittgenstein's Lanter, Ghirlandaio's Daughter Gauguin's Skirt, Tolstoy's B cycle, Schrödinger's Kitter

demand that he hand over a

newly purchased rarity -

because the warden had been

searching for it for longer?



BIBLIOMANE

and avorse. What Afroid a Schrödinger's Cair Saiad Time for a new rounne. André Bernard's amosing collection of anecdotes about how famous books came by their names - Now all we need is the Title (Norton, £6.95) — is full of the duds that got away. Gone with the Wind, for instance, nearly vent by the board as Baal

Baa! Black Sheep. Bernard also relates that Robert Lowell sevised his work so thoroughly that according to his wife. Jean Stafford, a poem he began with the ritle To Jean: On her Confirmstion" ended up as "To a Whore at the Brooklyn Navy Yard".

Three vanity publishing houses have been investigated by the Office of Pair Trading, as a result of concerns that they have been misleading customers. Vanity publishers solicit typescripts from aspiring authors, which for a fat fee they knock out as books. It is generally left to the author, however, to distribute them.

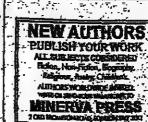
Well, more people want to write books than to read them, so perhaps this is a legitimate service. We are urged to refer to it as "joint-venture publishing", which reminds me of a sign in New York advertising pre-worn clothes".

And yet customers are being conned: I recently happened to read a book preduced by one of the outlits in question, which showed uninistakably that the publishers had not performed their one mescap-able duty: the text had not been edited. But then the lack of editing by some main-stream publishers is a contin-

uing and worsening scandal.

My advice to people planning to publish their own books is "don'r". But if you most, then read Ann Kritzinger's Bring it to Book (Script-mate, E899). This is a basic ABC for self-publishers - selfpublicists need no such help and although the writing is not itself exemplary, it contains much practical sense. ЛМ МССИЕ

The Claridge Press recently published Jim McCue's Edmund Burke and Our Present. Discontents, price £14.95.



My volas

Roger Scruton is unconvinced by a post-modern theologian who has substituted faith and love for nihilism and natural science

on Cupitt is an iconoclastic theologian, who has used his wide philosophical knowledge and familiarity with cultural trends to defend a kind of postmodernist Christianity - a Christianity, without dogma, without faith, and without God. "We live at a time," he writes in After God, "when the god of the philosophers, the really existing, allpowerful Being out there, is rapidly fading away, and people are rending to assume that when he dies, religion dies too." The assumption, he believes, is false. Not only can we love-God while. believing him to be dead for don't we. love our dead relatives just as much or more, when they no longer bother us?). we can cobble together a new religion by means of the very thinking which desiroyed the old. This new religion will be "naturalistic" — founded in the scientific view of the world. But it will.

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retain certain "tricks", as Copiti describes them, whereby we can live at peace with ourselves and each other, without the exacting demands of anancestral faith. For example, there is the Eye of God — the trick of seeing oneself as though through God's eyes, "under the aspect of eternity". There is also the trick which Cupitt calls Solar Living the trick of casting oneself unreserved-ly into the flux of existence, spending oneself, living as hard as one can, burning without being afraid of burn-

If that is all Cupitt's book contained,

Taking the theo out of theology

then it would risk being dismissed as New Age whimsy. But After God also presents a passionate and fascinating view from outside the religious way of life. Cupitt argues that religion emerged from toternism precisely when our hunter-gatherer ancestors began to senie and cultivate the land. The growth of the agricultural way of life required a central authority, who would reinforce the attachment to a single place, and impose the laws and habits required by peaceful living. This authority was the god, who took up residence in his temple and sanctified the land and the city. Each god would be bound by a covenant to the people who worshipped him, and whose spirit he was. The god of religion is the state, symbolised and personified in supernatural form.

That view of religion is not new - you find versions of it in Durkheim, Levi-Strauss and Nietzsche. But Cupitt has. the gift of presenting old ideas in fresh - as he would put-it - post-

AFTER GOD By Don Cupitt tenfeld & Nicolson, Ell.99 ISBN 0297819526

modern" idiom. He sees religion as a system of symbols which signify nothng apart from themselves. The language of religion is all that we have but, he goes on to suggest, it is also all that we need. For, properly understood, God is not distinct from the language which invokes and describes him. One is constantly startled by Cupin's vivid way of defending this point and forced to ask: is it true? and: what then must I think and do? To the extent that Cupitt's purpose is to prompt those questions, his book must be judged a considerable

Behind his arguments, however, there is a real and dubious hostility to the old religions. For Cupitt, traditional

of the distinction between Us and Them. and therefore of nationalism, tenonitobia and war. In place of traditional faith Cupin wishes to put a Fukuyama-ish acceptance of the post-modern world the world of global markets and multinational enterprises, of fluid identities and virtual communities, in which everything is on offer and nothing imposed. Cupin's religion of "tricks" is designed as a survivor's kit in this new environment, and one that wii! neutralise the dogmas which set obedience and war above laissez-faire and markets. He openly admits that he is a mhilist, while believing that nihilism. suitably dressed up, is a peaceful and pragmatic religion that can be successfully marketed to the young

I remain unpersuaded. Nihilism is all very well in a Cambridge don. but outside the cloister it has the habit of running nasty. The old religions may have engendered terrors, but nothing on

the scale of the two great experiments in global nihitism that have dominated our century and caused its most terrible war. Furthermore, I seriously doubt the philosophical underpinning of Cupitt's negative theology. He flirts with pragmatism, deconstruction and a variety of other assaults on "objective truth". The fact is, however, that he believes in the objective truth of science. The God where Cupin dismisses with a valedictory wave of the hand never claimed to be part of nature, but only its transcendental ground. He is not mentioned by empirical science, because he cannot be. If he exists then naturalism is true, and the belief in God must be explained in Cupin's way. The explanation of reli-gious belief cannot, therefore, be used to

course, this does not mean that you can persuade postmodern people to return to pre-modern religion. But that is largely because you cannot persuade them to do anything, except what they already desire. Post-modern" is just a trendy way of saying "spoiled". Cupitt's "tricks" can be accepted by post-modern people because there is no cost attached to them. He believes there is no such thing as blasphemy, but surely, he must believe there is such a thing as hubris? And maybe there is truth in the old Greek religion, which told us that hubris will



Cupitt: faith no more?



A dressing down for the boys

here is a photograph of La Goulue when she was young and relatively slim on the cover of Lucinda Jarrett's Stripping In Time: A History of Erotic Dancing. She is usually only known by Toulouse Lautrec's portraits of her. One of the inventors of the cancan, she will forever be associated with the heyday of the Moulin Rouge, although she ended her career as an

overweight lion-tamer. La Goulue is only one of the cast of curious characters Jarrett assembles. But her history is subjective and far from universal in its scope. Male stripping and table dancing hardly rate a mention, and sex shows, only a few lines. The countries covered in detail are few: England, America, France, Germany and

Fiona Pitt-Kethley meets the cast of cancan girls and belly dancers that form the history of erotic dancing

Egypt. There is absolutely nothing on erotic dance acts in the Far East.

Belly-dancing has received a more interesting and thorough coverage in Wendy Buonsventura's Serpent of the Nile, in spite of the subtitle, Jarrett's book is more of a history of stripping, specifically. As such, it is also a history of the changing faces of women and censorship. A good many strippers were persecuted by the authorities. Increasingly, Egypt, the home of the belly dance, is clamping down and introducing petty legislation about the showing of flesh. In past decades, there STRIPPING IN TIME A History of Erotic Dancing By Lucinda Jarrett Pandora Press, £9.99 ISBN 0044409680

were similar problems in the West. For many years, strip-pers were not allowed to move when they were completely naked. Yet enterprising performers could always use absurd rules to their advantage. The fact that nipples had to be covered in Fifties Broadway

tassels - something many modern go-go dancers would

Every country promotes a different kind of woman. In France, strippers were petite but curvacious, while America preferred them "big as a stetson, brash as a steer".

Several of Jarretr's heroines are given monologues. I liked these parts of the book least. The monologues all sound a little samey. Faction is often far less eloquent than facts. Stripping in Time is essentially a feminist and biased history: "Female strippers are all strong women proud of an expressive sexuality." But is I've seen. Apart from a few notable and historic examples. most strippers are rather worse dancers than the average performer in a musical.

These days, a good dancer can earn more elsewhere. The average stripper is probably no more "strong" or "proud" than any other woman in any other job. But the profession has thrown up a few unusual characters. Apart from La Goulue, I rather liked Dora Vivacqua, Luz de Fuego, who specialised in having a snake remove her cache-sexe, thus bypassing Brazilian laws against full nudity. In a speech curiously reminiscent of Eve in the Garden of Eden, she would complain: "It's not my fault, it's his. He hates to see

A remembrance of things... at last

he great European novel is back with a remem-L brance. A Book of Memories by Peter Nadas was first published in the author's native Hungary more than a decade ago, having waited five years while the Communist censors chewed it over. This prodigious work is thus a product, not of the 1990s, but of the 1970s; and one may well wonder why it has taken so long to appear in English. Indeed, even after the rave reviews with which West German critics greeted this "inner history of our century" six years ago, it is still possible that British readers will fail to

embrace the novel as a masterpiece. The last Continental novel to be universally acclaimed here was Patrick Suskind's Perfume, to which A Book of Memories stands in the same kind of relation as Dostoevsky to Huysmans, or Saul Bellow to William Bur-

its greatness does not merely consist in the sustained length of the novel (700 pages); nor in its panoptic his-torical breadth; nor even in its formal experimentation with multiple narratives, inelled, Nadas tells us, on Plutarch's Lives. No. what makes this Book of Memories so memo-

rable is the sheer qualiry of the prose, its subtlety and intelligence, which shines through what seems an elegant and unobtrusively Amer-

ican translation. Nadas was 14 when the 1956 uprising in Budapest turned his family's world upside down, and the most obviously autobiographical narrative concerns a youth whose adolescence is gradually over-shadowed by awakening sexual and political perver-sion. The boy's mother is dying of cancer, his father is a Communist state prosecutor whose best friend - and rival for his wife's affections — has been imprisoned after the

father's betrayal. The portrait of life among the Nomenklatura is utterly convincing, rising to a climax when guilt, hypocrisy, secrecy, and insarity combine in an unforgettable dance of death. As the narrator's mentally retarded little sister screams she is later consigned to an

rative, the hysterical actress. Thea and the interfering land-Daniel Johnson lady Frau Kuhnert, Melchior A BOOK OF is living a lie - the lie of a **MEMORIES** privileged intellectual cynic, By Peter Nadas who pretends that the two Cape, 120 ISBN 0-234-03524-X super powers are all-powerful and interchangeable, while living on the sufferance of the secret police. It is all very well institution, as Nadas himself done, and I can testify to its

was - the scales fall from his authentic atmosphere, having eyes and he tries to flee. lived in Berlin a few years The 1956 revolution and its suppression are described ret-Less easily comprehensible rospectively, as if the memory is yet another parallel narrawere too painful to be contive, that of a novel which the fronted directly, by an older, author is writing in Berlin, but

which is set in the earlier pre-Communist era of bourgeois individualism. The narrator again dwells on his intense devotion to his mother and the sins of his philandering

Thus throughout this tri-apartheid narrative. the unholy trinity of politics, sex and the family is explored on three different temporai planes. As the se is that of a trilogy, so Nadas breaks it up into three novel-length parts. The novel begins slowly, though strongly, and only the persis-tent reader will be rewarded. But this is not a gloomy book: innocence, beauty and joy, their absence felt keenly, survive even during the locust years of corrupt ideals. But

they survive only as To what should one compare this incomparable novel? lts digressions are as entertaining as Proust's, its ironies Thomas Mann, its themes suggest Robert Musil. and its humour Italo Svevo. But Nadas is his own man. very much of our time, unselfconsciously attempting to do justice to his catastrophic experiences. In so doing, he restores dignity to the novel: the

Memories of the Hungarian uprising

wiser narrator to his male lover living in the East Berlin

of the 1970s. Their relationship forms the heart of the parallel narrative with which the novel opens. The lover, Melchior, is a more sophisticated version of the narrator's admired boyhood companion Krisztian. A successful radio journalist, Melchior seeks to isolate himself from the hateful reality of Honecker's state by creating an oasis of culture in his exquisite apartment.

Like the other characters who dominate this Berlin nar-

poetry of history.

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JAPANESE tourists drift down Baker Street in everincreasing numbers looking for the home of Sherlock Holmes. The stories of the fictional detective have been translated into virtually every language, including Esperanto, Eskimo and Pitman's shorthand. The Scotland Yard database is called "Holmes". and letters still arrive there requesting the detective's help. Holmes has even invaded the German dictionary with

"sherlockieren", meaning "to deduce". Sherlock Holmes is probably the single most popular character in literary history. far better-known than his creator, Sir Arthur. Conan Doyle As Martin Booth observes in his admirably balanced, new biography of the author, noone would have been more surprised and probably preved at the astonishing breadth of the Sherlock Holmes cult than Conan Doyle himself, who regarded that aspect of his prodigious oeuvre as "a lower stranin of

The Mystery of the Stradivarius of Scotland Yard

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THE DOCTOR, THE DETECTIVE AND ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE By Martin Booth

Hodder & Stoughton, £20 ISBN 034064897 X

literary achievement". He was desperate to kill off the detec-tive, did so, and then reluctantly resurrected him again. Mr Booth makes a valiant, but only partially successful case in support of Conan Doyle's assertion that his historical novels, poetry and works of history formed a

most substantial contribution to literature. Measured against the Sherlock Holmes canon, the first of the block-

buster phenomenon, these are

thin and often wildly cranky. The unparalleled success of Holmes is owed, in large part, to the flawed and not wholly attractive nature of the derective himself. However brilliant he may be, Holmes can be sanctimonious, superior and fabulously patronising. His long-suffering sidekick. Doctor Watson, is by contrast the classic straight-bat Englishman: ponderous and enthusiastic to the point of naivety. The greatest Sheriock

Holmes mystery of all is why

"My dear Watson" does not

brain the detective with his

The tension between Holmes and Watson is the central motor of the stories, the spark that gives them such enduring appeal, but as Booth points out, the two fictional characters are also reflections of Conan Doyle's contrasting personality.

In a piece of doggerel directed at a critic who strayed too close to that suggestion. Conan Doyle insisted:

Please grip this fact with your cerebral tentacle. The doll and its maker are never identical".

Yet Conan Doyle's towering ego, his unshakeable faith in his own opinions, his moodswings are the central traits of his greatest fictional creation. while his chivalry and lack of guile were those of the good

It was not always a happy combination. If Conan Doyle's belief in spiritualism were a mark of Watsonian openmindedness, the ferocity with which he advocated his cause.



culminating in widespread mockery when he fell for a photographic fairy hoax pulled by two adolescent girls, was the stuff of Holmes at his most arrogant.

Holmes was a polymath, but he was not a patch on his maker. Conan Doyle's gravestone recalls a "Knight, Patrior, Physician and Man of Letters." To this might be added: sportsman, polemicist.

dramatic impresario, skiing promoter, soldier, Olympic official, war propagandist, animal rights protector, ship's doctor, lecturer, politician (failed) and tireless crusader for the spirit world beyond our ken (failed utterly). Mr Booth picks his way through the ripping yarn judi-ciously, avoiding the hagiographic tone of so many Conan Doyle biographers and keeping the pedantic textual analysis to which sherlockians

Doyle: renaissance man

triguing Victorian renaissance man, as pig-headed as he was big-hearted. He believed he was always right, even when egregiously wrong; when he got it right, as he did so magnificently with the Sherlock Holmes stories, his gran-

are prone to a refreshing

Conan Dovle was an in-

diosity made him partially blind to his own achievement. As the writer E.W. Hornung, his brother-in-law, wittily observed: "Though he might be more humble, there is no police like Holmes."

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Bristal Rovers

Russell Kempson meets a former soldier raring to do battle for Manchester City

Bradbury strikes out on Maine Road to big time

season protagonists puff out their chests and traditionally tease each other with barely disguised barbs. Lee Bradbury could be excused for joining the heat of battle. Bradbury, the Manchester City striker and former soldier, is well versed in the ractics of unnerving the opposition. After all, he served for four years in The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment 1st Battalion, half of it spent in Northern Ireland.

Cheap jibes, though, are not his style. Bradbury. 22. ignores the petty mind games of promotion prospects and of-fers only kind words of City's Nationwide League first division rivals. It is a view borne of respect for authority, for his superiors, yet carries not a

hint of fear or trepidation. "How will we do? I don't really know," he said. "There are so many sides with a chance of winning the title, so many clubs with good squads, it's difficult to pick out anyone in particular. We'll be up there as well. I hope: we should be

one of the main contenders." Two years ago, the prospect of challenging for a position in more converned about retaining his place in the Army side

n a week of psychological and helping the Combined warfare, when the pre-Perhaps, there would be another representative trip. too, like those to Hong Kong, Holland, Belgium, France and Germany - an attractive sporting perk of life in the

> Fate intervened. "My Army coach told someone that f might be worth watching, Portsmouth gave me a trial and I scored three goals in three games on their preseason tour to Scotland."
> Bradbury recalled. "They then offered me a contract and I signed. I've always wanted to be a footballer."

> It meant farewell to duty in Omagh and Fermanagh. "We'd mix it up a bit," he said. "Sometimes we'd be out on patrol in the country, sometimes in the urban areas. Nothing nasty happened, I don't think I ever got fired at. I quite enjoyed it actually,

> "I was hoping to do my corporal rank, but, in the end, was an easy decision to leave. It was quite a change initially, but I'm sure all the Army training was good for me. You learn about discipline, about getting on with other guys and working as a team. You also achieve a good level of fitness, which obviously helped me when I switched to football full time."

Private Bradbury, junior in-fantry battalion middleweight boxing champion. Five knockouts got him into the final, in which he beat his opponent on points. I put him down but he got up again," Bradbury said.

"He was a good mate of mine and, at first, it was a bit strange fighting him. I didn't really want to do it, until he smacked me one, but we were still friends afterwards. I

Bradbury will now be punching his weight. 13st 3lb. at Maine Road, having left Portsmouth - who bought him out of the Army for £400 - in a £3.5 million move last week. He scored 17 goals last season and another two on his debut for City on Saturday, in a 3-0 win against Burnley.

radbury said: "It's all happened so quickly, it's been really hectic. One minute, I was playing with Pompey and looking forward to the new season; the next, I was travelling north to talk to Manchester City."

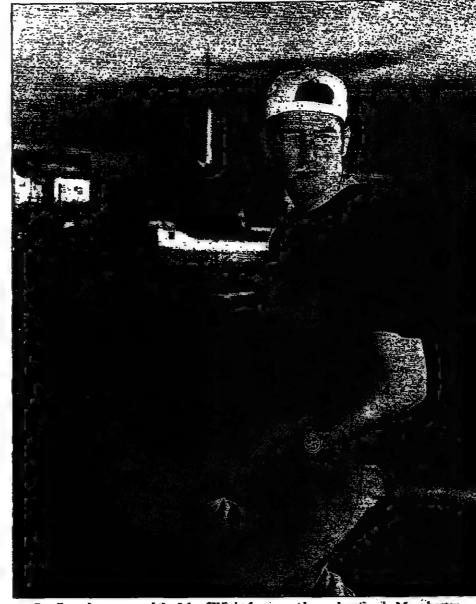
He met Frank Clark, the City manager, and struck a deal inside 90 minutes. didn't take long," he said. "I signed the next day. Born on the Isle of Wight, Bradbury originally played Cowes Sports in the Wessex League. "Dad also used to take me to watch Southampton. Portsmouth and a lot of the southern clubs, but I never supported anyone in particular," he said.

He lived on the island with his parents, Mike and Paula, and was in the process of organising a move to the mainland. The daily grind of travelling to Fratton Park by ferry or hydrofoil - at a cost of £40 a week, including a shrewdly negotiated 50p a day discount - had become tiresome.

Then City came calling and his advanced plans to move to Hedge End, near Southamp-ton, fell through. He and his girlfriend, Hayley, have swift-ly had to switch their househunting excursions to Manchester.

Bradbury maintains a calm perspective, a refreshing can'tquite-believe it attitude that should serve him well amid the welter of expectation at Maine Road. He also laughs off the best wishes of his former team-mates.

They've all been ringing me up saying they're going to give me a good kicking," he said. So, on Saturday, Manchester City start the new league season, against ... Portsmouth.



Bradbury has swapped the Isle of Wight for urgent house-hunting in Manchester

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P. Brawn (Milwell, 280,000) **Bradford City**

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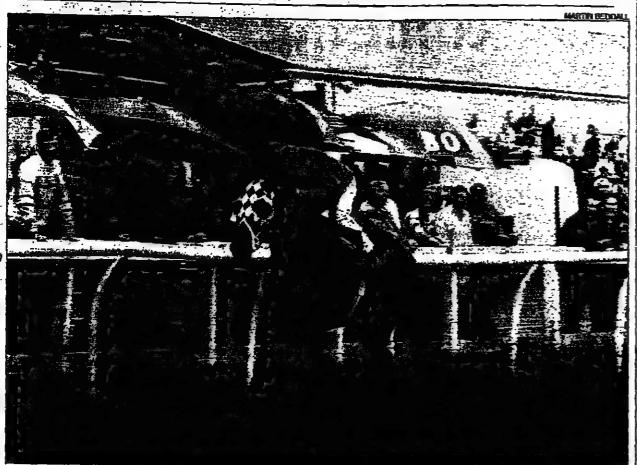
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RACING: JOCKEY CLUB ACTS OVER RUNNING AND RIDING OF WAIT'N'SEE



Golden Pound gives Kieren Fallon his first Brighton winner in the Tote Credit Sprint Handicap yesterday

Easterby is fined £2,500

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

MICK EASTERBY, the trainer, was fined 22,500 and jockey Terry Lucas suspended for ten days yesterday at a Jockey Club disciplinary committee hearing into the running and riding of Wait'N See at Doncaster in May,

The Yorkshire trainer was fined for a breach of Rule 151, which governs "non-triers". Wair'N See finished minth of 12 in a Doncaster maiden in May before winning at Carlisle three weeks later when backed from 11-2 to 11-4. Lucas, who node Wait'N'See on both oceasions, was also found to be in breach of Rule 151. His suspension will begin on Saturday.

The committee concluded that Lucas had failed to obtain the best possible placing on Wait'N'See when the gelding was beaten at Doncaster. Easterby was fined because Lucas's failure was as a result. of the riding instructions he had given his jockey.

Newmarker is to medicrouse

its management structure with the appointment in the

director for the town's two famous ractiourses. The role of chief executive, filled by Nick Lees, is to be discontinued. Lees, who has been at Newmarket for 24 years, has been offered a seat on the board of Newmarket Racecourses Trust and will become director of racing — but report to the new managing director.

Nap: ALFAHAAL (4.30 Bath) Next best Rich Glow (4.15 Pontefract)

Miles Main Street (10-1) was top rated by The Times Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubberd) yesterday. She was also selected by Thundarar.

The decision by Newmarket comes at a vital time. A £15 million grandstand for the Rowley Mile course is scheduled for completion by the start of the Flat season in the year 2000. Lees will have the new stand and race piques. Player said.
sponsors, in addition to the "We continue to have muracing programme and day-

to-day management of the two tracks.

The changes are similar to those introduced at Ascot when Douglas Erskine-Crum and Nick Cheyne were brought in a couple of years ago - a point acknowledged yesterday by Peter Player, the chairman of Newmarket race-DOMESTS.

"All sensible racecourse are beginning to realise this is now a multi-faceted business. We have to get up the speed on marketing, sales and modern management disciplines. The board at Newmarket is dealing in big money and has to be structured so we take the right decisions," he said.

The newly created post of managing director, which will be advertised this weekend will carry a salary upwards of ES5,000. The MD will develop and implement a five-year plan and build substantially on the current level of profits. We are looking for someone who will have particular skills in sales, marketing and up-toparticular responsibility for date management tech-

merous exciting and ambi-

management team is becoming stretched."
Lees said: "There can be little doubt that the existing management team is under considerable pressure in

tious plans for Newmarket

over the next decade, includ-

ing the planned development

of the Rowley Mile grand-

stand. Our small but capable

Yesterday evening's meeting at Epsom was called off because of waterlogging. Heavy rain started early in the afternoon, and was still falling when stewards inspected at 5.30. There has been torrential rain and the course is wateriogged in several places," a spokeswoman said.

bringing to invition the many new initiatives introduced by the board, including Champions Day, sectional timing and the new grandstand."

Despite being known as the headquarters of racing, Newmarket has not kept pace with courses such as Ascot and York in attracting and looking

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\$1.20, \$1.90, DF: 28.10, CSF \$14.50, \$.00 (tm 119-cd) 1, PRIDE OF PENDLE (3 Carcil, 5-2); 2, Night Mirage (1 Wesser, 7-4 few); 3, Cusers Consul (M. Ferbon, 4-1), ALSO RAN, 5-2 Mestortuns (40); 4, rsr. NR; Sharnold, 11, \$1, 91, M. Warre & Richmond, Tota: \$2.10, DF: \$2.30, CSF; \$2.50, csr. not won (pool of £8,109.57 carned toward to Pontered today).

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THUNDERER 2.30 OK John. 3.00 Ginger Rogers. 3.30 Songsheet. 4.00 HARD TO FIGURE (nsp). 4.30 Alfahasi. 5.00

Our Newmarkst Correspondent: 4.30 TOUJOURS RIVIERA (nap). 5.00 Bonanza Peak.

2.30 FRANCASAL TWO YEAR OLD SELLING

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3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL SPRINT HANDICAP

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STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,360: 5/ 11yd) (12 runners)

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

3.00 STAYERS HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,918: 2m 1f 34yd) (4)

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2.45 (8t 209vd) 1, RON'S PET (D Biggs, 7-4 feet; 2. Bites Zole (S Sanders, 3-1); 3, Jones: Nightsingale (R Firench, 25-1), ALSO RAN 7-2 Hoft Justice (4th), 6 Constant Attention (8th), 16 Lauren's Lind, 20 Aeguein Breaze, Life Santamor (5th) 6 ren. Ho, 8t, nk, 5t, 1 kt R Harmon at East Reveteigh. Totar, 22.30; 21.20, 23.10, 23.80, DF 53.90, CST: 55.47

\$3.80, DF. \$3.90, CSF. \$8.47

3.15 (Sf 218yd) 1, GOLDEN POUND (K. Falloni, B-4 barly; 2, Indry's Grab Hire (Meth Dwyer, 10-f); 3, Sherp Pearl (R. Hughes, 6-f). ALSO RAN, 11-4 Apollo Red (Sth), 4 Kings Harmony (4th), 10 Song Mair (8th), 12 Chalca. 7 san. NR: Pride of Haydray, Sharp Into, 141, Int., 141, 51, Int. Miss G Kelloway at Whitcombe. Tolse: \$2-70; \$1.80, \$3.10. DF. \$12.40. This: \$17.90. CSF: \$24.15. Tricast \$211, 11.

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8.45 (1m 11 209v8) 1, COLOUR COUNSELLOR (Dane Creek, 9-2); 2, Runio Symbol (C Rutter, 5-1), 3, Zurs (K Fellon, 13-6 fav). ALSO RAN 7-2 Double Rust, 11 Master Milliad (Sin), 12 Choon (4th), 14 Comtec's Legend (Sin), 25 Aegenn Sound. 8 ran. NFI: Soveraign Crest, Square Mile Miss, Targerreis, 6, 94, 94, 3, 51 R Rower at Jevington, 10th 25-30; ST-60, 57, 50, 51-40. OF: 51-40. This 51-50, 51-50

4.00 SILKWOOD CLARING STAKES

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4.30 HOLDAY HAMDICAP (E4,406: 1m 5ya) (10)

(6) 4424 TOLUDURS RIVIERA 9 (0.7.6) J Panez 7-8-18 N Day 45 (5) 50-0 FRAL STAR 15 (5) P Harris 4-5 ... 5 Lumbur (5) 90 (6) 6115 SAFFRON ROSE 8 (67.0.8.1) M Bandward 3-8-7 J Dubus 40 (10.0.18) THATEYER'S RIGHT 10 (0.7.6) M Usbur 4-9-5 (M Bandward 5-9-5)

10 (2) 20-0 LEGUNIO ESPRESS 19 (6,CD,F.O) 0 0 No. 9-7-10

5.00 COLERNE APPRENTICES MADE! HAMPICAP

(1) S235 SPACRTH 12 (B) J Stover 349-11 T Pemphrops (7) S2 (6) D003 SDANACZA PEAK 19 (BF) Mrs J Cock 49-6 Martin Drywr S3 (4) R205 JEAN PERFER 33 J Pentro 44-7 C Tosigon 62 (5) S002 SELLA SRAWA 8 M Februstoo-Godies 3-8-2 R French (8) (7) D063 CRE NI THE FVE 42 J Prodom 4-7-10 Rail Printer (7) S2 (3) 4000 HAYDOWN 41 M R Bossey 5-7-10 Rail Printer (7) S2

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: Q O'Nelli, 3 winners hom 7 rathings, 42-95, J Bony, 12 hom 44, 27-35; Lend Handington, 6 hom 30, 20.0%, P Harris, 4 hom 25, 16-05; M Bolton, 3 hom 20, 15-0%; H Johnson Hangdom, 3 hom 20, 15-0%; H Johnson Hangdom, 3 hom 20, 16-0; K Cacheane, 15 winners from 70 rides, 16-95; Paul Eddory, 15 from 30, 16-75, R Hagdon, 13 hom 80, 16-35; R Finnell, 3 hom 21, 14-35; Marilla Ologor, 5 hourt 30, 12-25; B Doyle, 8 home 80, 11-85.

(£2,709: 1m 2f 46yd) (6)

Placapet £95.70. Quadpot £21.60.

Yarmouth

Gother good to firm 5.50 (fm 6! 17yd) 1, Durham (M Wighern, 5-2 tind); 2, Shekboor (11-2); 3, Ungero Suill (14-1), 8 tan, Hd, 11 GL Moore, Toter 53,007; 51-30, 62-80, 62-70. DF; £10.50 CBP £16 ft2, Tricast £153,79.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm 6.10 (6) 15yd) 1, Helsverily Fells (D D'Dorohoe, 3-1 g-Ru); 2, Couriney Gym (3-1 g-Ru); 3, Candy Twist (33-1) 12 rise, APR Clear Vision 130, Al-C Duyer, Tota, 23 St. Ct. 70, 21 50, 56 90, DF: \$4.40, Tro. C192 10, CSF: 39.97.

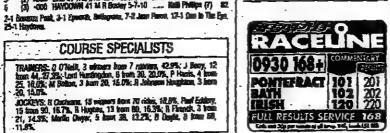
Duffield in bruising encounter

GEORGE DUFFIELD escaped serious injury after a nasty incident in the witner's enclosure at Newcastle yesterday. The jockey, 50, received a sharp blow to the thigh when Miss Main Street lashed out in the wismers' enclosure after victory in the CD Bramali LDV Nursery.

Duffield lay on the ground

in agony as medies rushed to offer assistance and it was only after several minutes that he gingerly got to his feet before being placed onto a stretcher. Fortunately, it emerged he had suffered nothing worse than bruising. He missed his next ride but, after treament, was able to partner Missfortuna in the

"I'm very lucky. If the kick had been just a few inches further up I would have been in trouble," he said. "A twoyear-old spooked and that is part and parcel of the job. 1 was in the wrong place at the wrong time. I was shocked more than anything else when it first happened."



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£500 GO PROBLEM by Paul Lamford*

Today's puzzle is based on the ancient Japanese game of Go, regarded by many authorities as the most skilful and complex game in existence. It takes only a few minutes to learn how to play (apart from a few special rules) but a lifetime to master. The object of the game is to surround territory by placing stones on a board. The person who surrounds the most territory wins the and are known as eyes. A game. The diagram features a 9x9 board (rather than a 19x19 board) which is more commonly used for illustrative purposes. Play is on the intersection of the lines and in our board there are, therefore, 81 points on which

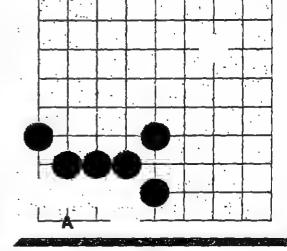
stones may be placed.
In addition to surrounding territory, you may also cap-

inside territory you have surrounded. The fundamental principle

of Go is life and death and calculation many moves ahead is often necessary. You cannot place a stone so that it is immediately removed. So, if White plays at A in our diagram, both the points to the left and right of A become inaccessible to Black group needs two eyes to be alive. In the diagram, it is Black to play. He is trying to kill the group of five stones.

a) Should Black play either side of the point marked A? b) Is Black unable to kill the five White stones whatever he plays?

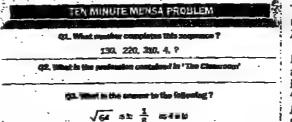
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c) Should Black play at A runners-up will receive a E50 entries received and the voucher, donated by answer will be published on Hamleys, for use in its Saturday.

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Mensa puzzles correct will receive a certificate and a Mensa information pack which includes a \ home IQ assessment test.

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DAY 2 (TUESDAY) SOLUTIONS.

OTHELLO: The current play was a at his, flipping the counters on fi and gi from Black to White Black then has no move and has to pass. Then White plays at his flipping the counter at cl. and again Black must pass. Now White plays at as, flipping the whole of the diagonal from his to ghat replies at at, flipping the counter at bt (playing at his also loses similarily) and White then plays at his them and his, in each case Black being unable to move. White wins 36-28. Victoria Wilson, of Co Amrion, N Ireland, wins 2500. MENSA PROBLEM: 184 — multiply the dots on one side of the bow tie (6) by the other (7), then multiply the result (42) by 2.2 Reservoir, 3 ONE WORD. Peter Carpenter of Gwent, wins £100.

TOMORROW: PLAY MASTERMIND FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN MORE PRIZES





Tufnell hoping his turn has come

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

SO FAR this season it has been a case of "always the bridesmaid" for Phil Tufnell. England's senior spin bowler. He has been selected in the party for each one of the five Tests and, until this week, he has been released in time to play for Middlesex. Now, as England approach a game that they must win to have a chance of regaining the Ashes. he hopes to play his first Test in this country for three years. and his first ever at Trent

Hopes, not expects. He has seen too much in this year of damp, seaming pitches to take anything for granted. Indeed, his on-off Test career can be interpreted as one long lesson in disappointment. The last time he played on home soil was against South Africa at Headingley in 1994 and at times since then he must have despaired of getting another

"It has been disappointing not to play this summer." he said yesterday, "but there's no point moaning about it. You've just to carry on and I've always tried to play my hard-est for Middlesex." AlThough he cannot really say it, any more than he can grumble about the kind of pitches that England have sought, wisely or unwisely, one senses that he has missed the challenge of bowling at the Australians.

Indeed, he has rarely been trusted in this country, where he has played only six of his 27 Tests, but desperate times require radical measures. If he gets the nod, if Michael Atherton wins the toss for the first time in this series and if England bat properly, he should have that challenge he craves in the fourth innings.

Despite his status as an occasional player, who seems to figure in the selectors' thoughts as a just-in-case" pick, Tufnell professes to feel-

BY RICHARD HUBSON

BLACKPOOL (first day of four: Warwickshire won toss): Lanca-

shire, with seven first-innings wick-

ets in hand, are 55 runs ahead of

A STEADY stream of casualties

John Ambulance volunteers here

yesterday. One man left for hospital

with sunstroke while others com-



Tufnell, having drunk deeply of disappointment this summer, slakes his thirst at England's net practice. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

"I feel part of it when I'm with the boys. Drive up, wish them well and go home if not required. It's up to the selectors to pick the side - and the pitches this year, I must admit, have not helped me

particularly." The selectors' strategy is not without risk. If Tufnell plays, at the expense of Devon Maicolm, England's first-change and second-change bowlers

severe depression.

the close.

plained of sunburn or bee stings. The only surprise was that Neil Smith did not take refuge in the

treatment caravan, seeking a cure for

Captaining Warwickshire for the

first time in the championship, his

decision to bat on a green, seaming

pitch backfired to such an extent that

Lancashire had overhauled his

side's meagre 139 a full hour before

Peter Martin utilised the condi-

that is missing Darren Gough, who has been their best bowler this summer, could be exposed brutally.

For all the fuss surrounding his emergence, Adam Hollicake is only an occasional bowler at county level and nobody should get excited about his propects of growing into a Test match all-rounder worthy of the name. Ben, for all his promise, is a 19-year-old who has not yet carned a

mind does not wander to the Test match.

on their Test debuts. An attack side. Once again, Tuinell that is missing Darren might find himself cast in a defensive, or at least a holding

> At this delicate stage of the series, England cannot afford to defend, which is why the selectors are preparing to roll the dice hoping that all the sizes come up. it may yet turn out differently. The pitch is greener than any seen at Trent Bridge for some years, which can only give Maicolm suc-cour, but when they mull over the choice this morning,

Gooth and Graveney may agree - nothing ventured nothing gained.

It would be a venture, too, for it is 20 matches and five years since Tuinell took five wickets in a Test innines, at Christchurch, That "mad Saturday" at the Oval, when he bowled out West Indies for a pittance in the first innings and helped England draw the series, was all of six years ago. Most significant of all, his 24 wickets against Australia have

play unfold along the lines predicted. If only Smith had read the article.

third over before Wagh perished leg-before, missing a pull against Austin. Singh, shouldering arms, fell

Ostler edged to second slip in the

Martin, as did Hemp before

Martin beat Smith's expansive drive to leave Warwickshire #4 for five

contrast, has got out 74 Englishmen at 24. Of the four Australia bowlers who play at Notting-

ham the most expensive against England is Glenn McGrath, whose wickets have come at 25. Figures can be used to support many an argument, but in this instance the point they make is plain as day. They bown us out far them and in that battle lies the

Hostile Martin confirms groundsman's forecast Austin could boast figures of four for 45 when he induced a nick from

> Lancashire survived the new ball spell from Donald for the loss of only Wood and Fairbrother and Lloyd added 125 in 26 overs for the third wicket as the pitch eased. Pairbrother reaching his fifty in 119 Penney fenced to slip and Brown, minutes before he tickled Brown to after 25 overs of stubborn resistance, the wicketkeeper. Lloyd completed could only fend Martin to short leg. his own half-cen Welch met his downfall pulling and with nine fours. his own half-century in 100 minutes

Newcomers Wells ends struggle to contain Weston

BY MICHAEL AUSTEN

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four. Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 433 for five wickets against Northamptonshire

WHEN John Blain, 18, on his championship debut, dis-missed Tim Curtis with his fifth ball, Northamptonshire could not have imagined the punishment that their callow attack was to suffer later as Philip Weston and David Leatherdale both made centuries and shared a fifth wicket partnership of 241 in 51 overs. Weston, who was playing only because Graeme Hick was absent with a bruised finger, advanced to a career-

best 196 not out, with 29 fours and three sixes from 331 bails. The flamboyant Leatherdale struck iS toors in an innings of 110, in which he received 158

The Northamptonshire captain. Rob. Bailey, missed Leatherdale at mid-off when the batsman was 70, a disappointment for the bowler at the time, the Loughborough University left-arm spinner, Michael Davies, on his firstclass debut. Another 100 runs were plundered before Tony Penberthy had Leatherdale caught at the wicket.

Northamptonshire's long injury list includes both opening bowlers - Paul Taylor, who strained ankle ligaments in a benefit match on Tuesday evening, and Mohammad Akram. Jeremy Snape, the off spinner, and the all-rounder. David Capel are out for the

rest of the summer.
Blain, from Edinburgh, shared the new ball with Scott Boswell and, after forcing Curtis to play on, faced much hard labour but created a favourable impression with his whippy action.

Boswell, knees pumping. battled away and deserved his two wickets, those of Tom Moody and Gavin Haynes, both departing leg-before, though Moody ruefully in-spected the bottom of his bat on the way back to the

Reuben Spiring, rightly sent back by Weston, was run out by Penberthy, but harsh reality soon replaced optimism for Northamptonshire, who have gained a 11 million award 31; Action 26 16 1; Scientists from the Lottery Sports Fund to build an indoor cricket centre at Wantage Road. It should be ready for use by. October next year.

drought of the century for Kent

BY SIMON WILDE

CANTERBURY (first day of four. Kent won toss): Kent have scored 203 for four wickets against Essex

PERHAPS roused by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth and Tim Lamb looking on from the president's tent. Kent's toporder batsmen stirred into life yesterday. They could not have chosen a better occasion to come good than this meeting with Essex, who lie one ace below them in the table in fourth position.

The Kent top five had failed to muster a century in Il championship matches this season and nobody would have been more disappointed about that than Alan Wells, signed from Sussex amid much fanfare. Although he was Kenrs leading run-scorer before yesterday, he must have felt he owed them a big innings.

Here, by dint of skill and sheer bloodymindedness, he battled away for nearly four hours on a pitch that offered the seam bowlers plenty of assistance before minutes after tea, effortlessly lifting Such over mid-wicket to take his score from 94 to 100, Wells was not the only Kent

hero, because Cowdrey scored his first half-century of the season and kept him company for three hours in a thirdwicket partnership of 138. Cowdrey was struck on the hand by a ball from Irani that popped", but he, like Wells, did not shirk the fight until he was leg-before to Irani.

The rain returned soon after Wells reached his hundred to bring an early close, but not before Such had clawed back some ground for Essex by removing House cheaply on his championship debut. Kent will, nevertheless, fancy themselves to score an important win — Essex labouring without the injured flott and

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-52, 3-190, 4-

Greyson, †R J Polins, N F W Andew, P M Such. Bonus points; Kanz'i Essei, 1

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Sarah Teshome, half (with Sandra Penfold) of the reserve pair for the British women's team in the European championship. had a tricky decision on this hand, from the Spring Foursomes. Love all

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Contract: Three Spades by South. One way or another. Northof hearts and play on dia-South got to the wrong contract. South might have bid Two Spades over Two Clubs. North (Richard Winter. Teshome's husband) might have bid Two Diamonds over the double, and South might have passed Three Diamonds. Someone might even have bid 3 NT which can't be beaten.

Brian Senior (West) led the king of clubs and switched to a diamond. Teshome won in hand and played ace and another spade. Sitting East I won with the queen and played the five of hearts. What should declarer do? These are her options. If the

only hope is to rise with the ace

HOLY WRIT

c. Jacob's wife

a. Father of Bill

c. A spin doctor

BILDAD

a. Mother of Moses

b. A Jewish convert

b. A Philistine general

LEAH

nessed the queen of hearts and went one down. Senior pointed out there is an inference that East has the third spade. If West had started with KJ10 of spades, he might well have played three rounds of clubs immediately - his best chance

section on Saturday.

a. An hundredth of a shekel

Answers on page 38

b. Passover cakes

b. Brother of Jacob

c. A high priest

a. A cowboy

b. A prophet

JOEL

monds, hoping that the player

with the third trump started

with at least three diamonds.
In practice Teshome fi-

of beating the contract being to find his partner with the queen of spades, and so get a trump promotion. As East is known to be short in clubs there is a good chance he has diamond length, so rising with the ace of hearts becomes the king of hearts is with East, it is odds play. Here it would have correct to finesse, and play produced an overtrick.

Robert Sheehan writes on another trump. Now all the defence can take are two bridge Monday to Friday in trumps and two clubs. If the Sport and in the Weekend king of hearts is with West, the

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KEENE on CHESS

tions superbly while taking six for

46, four of those wickets earned

during an initial burst of II overs. He

maintained a full length and generated considerable sideways move-

ment. The occasional delivery reared

Howard Mayor, the groundsman,

informed a local newspaper four

days earlier that the bowlers would

find assistance in the first session. A

crowd of 2,636 — generating record receipts here of £6,000 — watched

sharply, too.

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT Early leaders

Early leaders in the Smith & Williamson British Championship at Hove, all of whom are maintain ing a 100 per cent score, are as follows: Adams, McShane, Speelman, Plaskett, Kosten, Parker, Martin, Arkell

White: Luke McShane Black: Graham Lee British Championship August 1997 French Descue

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Diagram of final position 5 注 章 5 4 京 章 2 京 <u>0</u> 2 京

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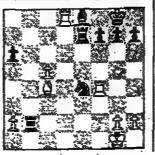
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White resigns Mind Challenge To coincide with the first open-to all Mind Sports Olympiad, The Times will be publishing daily mind challenges for the next one and a half weeks. The Mind Sports Olympiad takes place at the Royal Festival Hall from August 18-24, ion on 0171-703 **2828**. Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Nogueiras -Frias, Cuba 1997. White, a piece down, can regain his material with I Rxe8+ Rxe8 2 Bxf7+. Can he do hetter than this?



Ratcliffe's class puts

BY RUPERT COX .

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss); Surrey have scored 164 for two wickets against Durham

DESPITE the assiduous efforts of the England and Wales Cricket Board to reform our summer sport, one aspect of the game remains beyond their control — the British weather. Yesterday, at the Oval, as if to emphasise the point, the threatening clouds that enveloped the ground for much of the day deprived two teams struggling to make an impact on the championship

season of 59 overs. With the home team stripped of four Test players, it seemed that the drab conditions might overshadow events on the field, particularly once Mark Butcher. dropped by England as well as disciplined by Surrey on Sun-day, was bowled by Michael

Foster, via his pads, for 24. However, an excellent halfcentury from Jason Ratcliffe, during an unbroken thirdwicket stand of 97 with the lefthanded fan Ward, handed Surrey the initiative.

On a humid morning, allied to a greenish Oval wicket, Chris Lewis, the acting Surrey captain, elected to bat first. Surrey made an untroubled start, only for the openers, Butcher and Darren Bicknell, to fall in consecutive overs. It was Ratcliffe who caught

the eye, assured off front and back foot, he played the swinging ball in textbook fashion, detecting the swing early and playing it late. It is a moot point whether his position, with Test players available, would be under threat, but with near-on 600 first-class runs he is one of Surrey's leading run-scorers. His fifty arrived in 65 balls before the rains took the edge off Surrey's day.

Ramprakash takes a 🦸 shine on a rainy day shine to Hampshire By BARNEY SPENDER

LORD'S (first day of four: Middleser won toss): Middlesex have scored 212 for three wickets against Hampshire

MARK RAMPRAKASH CET-

tainly enjoys playing against Hampshire. Two years ago, he battered them around Lord's to make 163 not out and last season he made 108 at Portsmouth. Yesterday, he stood on the brink of his hattrick hundred when bad light and then rain brought a premature close to the day. Arriving at the crease in the sixth over, after Paul Weeker had gloved an attempted hook he immediately looked at ease as the Hampshire attack, lacking any firepower, strove admirably to maintain

a decent line and length on a. pitch devoid of gremlins.

Jacques Kallis played some exquisite shots through the off-side, but the South African

again showed a youthful impatience when he chased a wide delivery from Stuart Milburn and gave Adrian

Ayrnes his second catch: Ramprakash was in less generous mood. He has already posted four first-class hundreds this summer and he cruised past the 50 mark for

the ninth time in 17 championship innings.
His defence was waterlight and the occasional stray delivery was sent to the boundary in a flash, but, thanks to a monk-like self-denial, he finished on 99 after blocking or leaving 18 deliveries as the light deteriorated rapidly.

Hampshire's perseverance was rewarded when Mike Gatting dollied a Matthew Hayden medium-paced long hop to Robin Smith at mid-on. The breakthrough ended a third-wicket partnership of 128 between Ramprakash and Gatting and it was Hayden's first wicket for the county.

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and S G Randel (Australia).

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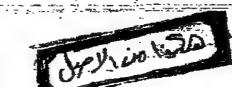
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COUNTY supporters yes terday wrestled with the complexities of the Mac-Laurin plan to reinvigo: rate the county champion-

Put simply, the proposal involves splitting the 18counties into three conferences. No fixtures are planned between teams in the same conference and the season will end with cross-conference play-offs, possibly over five days, to decide finishing positions.
It is inevitable that this system, if approved by the counties on September 15, will take time to gain acceptance. Many may regard it as a motivation for shortening the quantum leap to promotion and

The aim is to achieve roughly equal conferences and to retain traditional local rivalries. The counties will be divided into six regional groups of three.
These groups will be seeded on the basis of finishing positions this season. The conferences will then be constituted by an equal division of top, second and

third-seeded teams. The regional split is: Middlesex, Essex, Surrey; Kent, Hampshire, Sussex; Glamorgan, Gloucester-shire, Somerset, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, cicestershire; Lancashire, Yorkshire, Durham.

Teams from the same region will not be bracket. ed together. Taking the current championship table as the guide conferences for next season would look like this:

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CRICKET: LARA'S LANDMARK SURVIVES AS WORLD CUP-WINNERS ENJOY RECORD RETURN

Sri Lanka ascend to new heights

FROM EMMA LEVINE IN COLOMBO

A CACOPHONY of firecrackers accompanied the celebrations at the Premadasa Stadium here yesterday when Sri Lanka passed the Test match record score that had stood for nearly 60 years. Amid the lengthening shadows of the final day of the first Test against India, it was the final milestone in a long line of records achieved during a remarkable march and the icing on the cake for the World Cup-winners, who aspire to be recognised fully as a

Test playing nation.

The previous highest Test score of 903 for seven, made by England against Australia in 1938, was in Sri Lanka's sights when they began the day at 587, for one. They finished on 952 for six and the team record was consolation for Sanath. Jayasuriya, the Sri Lanka opener, who had been in tears after he was dismissed for 340 - 35 runs short of Brian Lara's record Test score. "I felt a great pressure on me when I came out to bat this morning," he said afterwards, "and obviously I am disappointed - but at least my country has made a great achievement."

After the pitifully small number of people who had witnessed the record-breaking partnership of 548 between ayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama on the previous day, the stadium gates were thrown open and around 32,000 spectators poured in to create a carnival atmosphere. They had come to experience the moment when they could say "bye, bye Lara", but they were to be disappointed.

When the Sri Lanks pair resumed their innings, they continued the trend that they had set during the previous day's play, sending perfect square cuts and straight drives to the boundary. They looked so fresh that it was hard to believe that they had been batting for more than two days in the Sri Lankan:

India were hewitched, but somehow managed to break the spell. Mahanama was the first to fall, trapped leg-before by Kumble with the acore at 515 and the partnership at 576. As so often seems to happen,

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and S Kelly (Whithetick Park) 22-17; D
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Healey and S Ribdams (Raynes Park) bt M
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his team-mate followed him back to the pavilion shortly afterwards. Jayasuriya was caught by Ganguly, off Chauhan, in the next over and the stadium fell silent. Lara's record had survived.

Now all attention locused on a target of 903. Aravinda De Silva did his bit, making 125 to become the sixth century-maker of the match, while Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, made 86 and Mahela Jayawardena, making his debut, scored 66 to ensure Sri Lanka reached their goal and prolonged in-dia's misery.

Their first innings total of 537 for eight declared now paled into insignificance, but if Sachin Tendulkar, the India captain, was worried about being on the wrong end of such a record score, he kept his thoughts to himself. In-stead, he vented his frustrations on a pitch that he described as until for Test cricket" and hinted at his disappointment at Sri Lanka's reluctance to play for a result in the match.

If we had lost the toss and batted second, we could also have played a massive inmings," he said. "We only lost wickers because we took chances and went for runs." India must now pick themselves up before the next Test. which starts on Saturday.

Having achieved great success in the one-day game, this momentous achievement comes at the right time for Sri Lanka in their efforts to persuade other nations to play them in a full Test series. They have one Test in England next summer: at: the end of England's five-match series gainst South Africa.

Duleep Mendis, the Sri Lanka team manager, knows that this could affect the attitudes of "those countries who don't feel we can earn them enough gate money in a Test match". After their World Cup victory, numerous successes in other one-day tournaments and these latest accolades, Sri Lanka's drive to become the best cricketing nation in the world by the year 2000, an ambition that looked fanciful two years ago, is gaining momentum.

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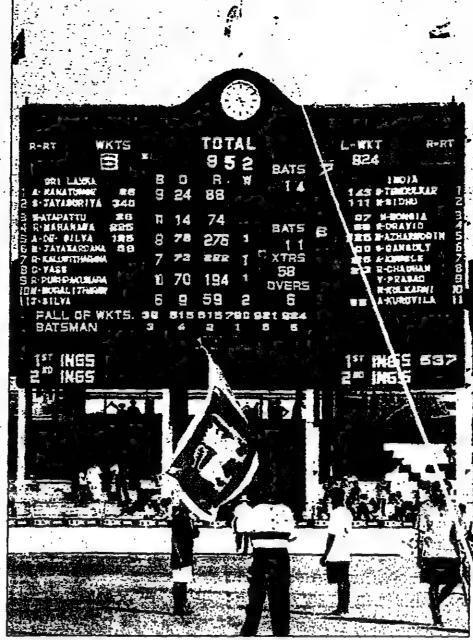
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The scoreboard tells the story of Sri Lanka's record-breaking innings yesterday

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EQUESTRIANISM

Horse takes a tumble as Chapot races in

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

LAURA CHAPOT, from the United States, who is competing at the Dublin Horse Show for the first time, had the satisfaction of leaving the cream of Europe's showjumpers in her wake when she and her thoroughbred gelding, Aiko, won the Kerrygold Welcome Stakes. the opening international

Her victory was not without its drama, however. In the IIhorse jump-off, Chapot, 25, raced so quickly around the six-fence course that her game horse slipped after crossing the finishing line and fell on his side, suffering a small cut on his near fetlock.

Chapot, despite the fall, was delighted. "I'm not used to seeing so many top horses show," she said. "It's a lot of

Annick Chenu, of France, who fell from her speed horse earlier in the day, produced a composed and stylish round on her grand prix horse. Backen Platiere, to take second place - less than a second ahead of the thirdplaced Jurg Friedli. of Switzerland, on Gyssmo.

Great Britain's six leading riders all failed to reach the jump-off. Nick Skelton, on Showtime, and Robert Smith. on Mighty Blue, had eight and 12 faults respectively. The other four - John Whitaker, on Grannusch, his younger brother, Michael, on Absonm. Di Lampard, on Abberva vil Dream, and Geoff Billing ton, on it's Otto - all

inc. urred four faults. N. evertheless, Ronnie Mass arella, the Britain team mana, ger. is optimistic for tomorr ow's Nations' Cup. "Our rit iers are just warming up," he 5 zid. "It's early days.'

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\$2.30sec; 2, Flo J. 2 (M Hughes, Ire) 56.86;
3, Burg's Pretty v Voman (B Romp, Holl)
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IN BRIEF

Garrido out to confirm Ryder Cup position

IGNACIO GARRIDO, of Spain, will begin the Czech Open golf tournament today confident that he can consolidate his place in the Europe team for the Ryder Cup after being granted a late invitation to play in the US PGA Championship next week Things seem to be going my way." Garrido, who is tenth in the Cup rankings, said.

Thirteen of the top 20 in the table will be chasing points in Prague, with the most notable absentees being Per-Ulrich Johansson, of Sweden, Thomas Bjorn, of Denmark, and Miguel Angel Martin, of Spain, who are, respectively, sixth, seventh and eighth.

Agassi slip

Tennis: Andre Agassi, the former world No I, is likely to see his ranking fall into the mid-seventies after his defeat by 6-3, 6-1 at the hands of Gustavo Kuerten, the French Open champion, in the first round of the ATP championship in Ohio.

Cedric Pioline, a Wimbledon semi-finalist this year, is the latest entry for the Samsung Open on the clay courts of the West Hants Club, Bournemouth, next month. He joins the British No 2 Greg Rusedski, Felix Mantilla and Carlos Moya.

Penalty point

Hockey: The England women's team came within !! minutes of losing to Japan for the first time before Denise Marston-Smith converted a penalty stroke to earn a 1-1 draw in the World Cup qualifying tournament in Harare yesterday.

Coming home

Golf: Alison Nicholas, of Great Britain, plays in Europe today for the first time since winning the US Women's Open when she takes part in the McDonald's WPGA championship of Europe at

SAILI'NG

Bear swift to press her case

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

WHEN she was first launched ebb tide, which swept them prize, believing that a tidegate two months ago, Independent Bear's Cowes-based designer, John Corby, described her as "the most advanced CHS vacht ever built". That seemed like a hostage to fortune, but Corby, whose father invented the Corby trouser press, has

not been embarrassed yet. Yesterday, the boat with the big bear motif on her topsides and spinnaker did her reputation - and Corby's - no harm by romping away with the Britannia Cup, the biggest prize at Skandia Life Cowes Week, which is raced for by the maxis and Class I together. Not only did Bear, owned by Tim Louis and Kit Hobday, ger her claws on the silverware, but she did so by nine

minutes on corrected time. in the event, the smaller yachts from Class I took all three top places, benefiting from a freshening breeze towards the end of the five-hour race and the strengthening

westwards down the earstern Solent to the finish. The second-placed yacht was Pf. vilip Tolhurst's new Fart 40, W.'arlord VI, which finished se wenth among the Class I yachi's on the water, with Stepher I Bailey's Murray 4l, Arbitrator, third. Ludde Ingvall's Encsson 80, Nicorette, took the line honours, but was demoted to eighth on

handicap. Michael Patten, who shared driving duties on the winning boat, had thought that a win was not on the cards. "When we were set the course, it was terrible, because there wasn't a beat in it," he said. "Fortu-nately, the wind backed and we got a beat against the tide - it all helped us no end because we are very good to

windward." Hobday himself, who followed the race from the team inflatable, was surprised that Bear had taken the overall

midway through the race had given the maxis an advantage over the smaller boats. Although most classes had

some racing yesterday, the wet and windless weather over the past few days has dampened the atmosphere at the regatta. In some classes, including the x-boats, which again did not race yesterday, there is understandable frustration, with unity one race completed in five

in the Glenfiddich Meles 24s Kevin Sproul, in Glenfida ich I, took the honours from the European champion in the class, Giorgio Zuccolì, of Italy, in Ullman Sails. In the Hunter 707s. Christopher Body and Zoe Trumper's No 13 and the second-placed Tea Party, ow ned by Martin Hoar, were so far in front at the finish that the rest of the fleet. led by Antony Soanes's Gauntlet, were completely out

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SECOND ROUND (First three an each heat plus overall four fastest losers quality to semi-finally: Qualifiers: Heat one: 1, Savens 20.77; 2, Douglas 20.78; 3, Donekson 21.04. Non-qualifiers & Dais (19.25) 4, Golding 20.88; Heat three: 1, Da Silve 20.27; 2, Little 20.38; 3, Ossovich 20.54; 4, Walker 20.56; 5, Panapotropolos 20.57; 4, Walker 20.58; 5, Panapotropolos 20.57; 4, Walker 20.58; 5, Panapotropolos 20.57; 1, Donekson 20.63; 20.87. 110m burdles High jump

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35 50sec; 2, F. Carcho (Sol) 9:35 63; 3, R.
Esteves (Sol) 9:37-26; 4, N. Moncell (Avg.)
3:37.37; 6, A. Heidrid (Turn) 3:37-51; 6, M.
Bushman (Cas) 3:37-53; 7, G. Hood (Carr)
3:37-55; 8, P. Applicaten (Dern) 3:37-58; 9, J.
3:30-55; 8, P. Applicaten (Dern) 3:37-58; 9, J.
3:38-52; 7, 1; Robich (Kerl) 3:41-27; 12, N.
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SEMI-FINALS (First four in each heat quality to first) "Qualiffers: Heat orie; 1. C Jackson (GB) 13.24sec; 2. A Johnson (US) 13.31; 3. I Koves (Stowalds) 19.35; 4. T Rease (US) 13.45. Heat two: 1. F Schwarthof (Ger) 13.25; 2. D Philibroth (First 13.30; 3. M Cherr (US) 13.35; 4. A Kohnster (Pol) 13.39. Mon-qualifier; 5, A Jenetr (GB) 13.50.

Final.: 1, 1 Sotomayor (Cuba) 2.37m; 2, A Patyka (Pol) 2.35, 3, T Forsyth (Aus) 2.35; equal 4, S Hoen (Nor) and D Grant (GS) 2.32, 6, L Papakostas (Gr) 2.32.

Triple jump
QUALIFYING (17.0 metres or leading 12
quality for final): Qualifiers: Group A: 1, Y
Quesada (Cube) 17.47m; 2, J Edwards
(CS) 17.26: 3, K Henrison (LS) 17.11; 4, C
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(Dominical 17.05: 6, C Finedak (Ger) 18.98;
7, B Welman (Semi) 18.94. Gradup; 1, A
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17.05: 3, S Helson (Fr) 17.01; 4, A
Metrosysen (Arm) 18.90; 5, D Kapuntin
(Auss) 18.96. Non-qualifier; 6, F Agrepong
(GS) 18.93. (GB) 16.83. Decathlon

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Hewit (Aus) 23 18; 5, K Marty (GB) 23.20.

Hest two: 1, M Gainstord-Taylor (Aus)
22.76; 2, M Frazer (Jam) 22.91; 3, S Jacobs
(GS) 23.23; 4, S Ghoch (Ger) 23.98. Heat
three: 1, M-J Pérez (Fr) 22.97; 2, M
Trancientova (Russ) 22.94; 3, E Kode (Gr)
22.97; 4, Jarval Yan (Chine) 23.11; 5, F
Palacios (Col) 23.15 Heat four: 1, S
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Leshchore (Russ) 22.47; 3, M Ottey (Jern)
22.47; 4, S félix (Fr) 22.71; 5, F Pandarsen
(Bul) 23.02; Heat five: 1, J Carrisot (Jern)
23.00; 2, F Dave (Bah) 23.20; 3, C Taylin
(US) 23.92; 4, K Bartla (Fr) 23.33 Heat size
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22.90; 3, J Campbell (Jern) 23.00; 4, L
Jardin (For) 23.04; 5, S Heathershami (Fin)
23.17 Heat seven: 1, Xuerne Li (China)
23.90; 2, H Beresons (Cz) 22.75; 3, C
Sturup (Bah) 22.77; 4, A Bitur (Slovenia)
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800 metrus FIRST ROUND (First two in each heat plus overall six fastiest losers quelly to semi-finals): Outsiders: Heat one: 1, 1. Formanova (C2) 2min 1.45eec; 2, N. Dutanova (C2) 2.20. Heat two: 1, A. Outret Cuba) 2.01.56; 2, Y. Buzhanica (Ula) 2.02.03; 3, Y. Hodgidinson (N2) 2.02.21, Heat four: 1, L. Vinande (Soninea) 2.00.22; 2, S. Jongmans (FioB) 2.01.05; 3, L. Tayoma (Rusa) 2.01.27; Heat four: 1, M. Mutchi, A. M. Senidas (No.) 2.01.68; 2, J. Clash (US) 2.01.16; 3, P. Streshitova (Bul) 2.01.49; 4, N. Benidas Merah (Alg) 2.01.55; Heat four: 1, Y. Alanesyava (Ficse) 2.00.12; 2, L. Mendes (B) 2.00.68; 3, H. Ben Hassi (Alon) 2.01.55; A. M. Hydz (Pol) 2.01.58.

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Smith (Ire) 54.72 Pest tenc; 1, N Badousne,
Mory 53.48; 2, D Henruming, (Jenn) 53.82; 3,
T Bufford-Balley (US) 54.48; 4, A Blackets
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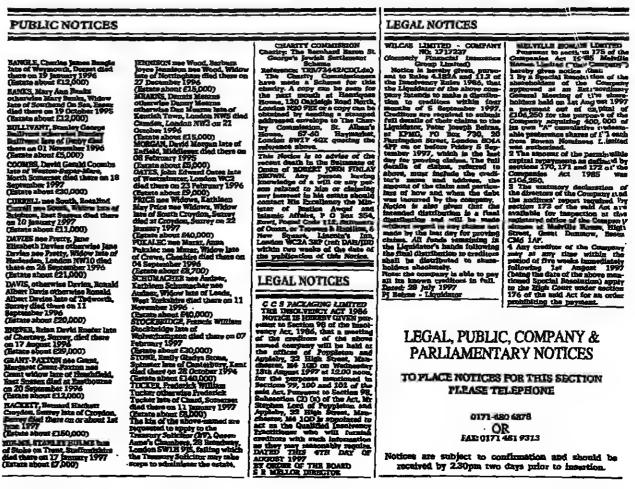
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Showpiece is no gift for Greeks

case of athletics "coming home". The world championships of track and field were awarded to Athens, to Greece, where, for thousands of years, the ancients nurtured sport in its cradie.

Yet as the world championships opened, in a massive new stadium, nobody, it seems, had bothered to tell the Greek public that they were supposed to be part of the action. Rows of empty seats caused heads to be shaken and may have dealt a fatal blow to Greek prospects of hosting the Olympic Games of 2004.

In a contest that seems to have been as bitter and exciting as anything on the track, the Greek organisers and the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) have taken turns at blaming each other for the pathetic turnout. The IAAF declared itself

"flabbergasted" that so few showed up for the opening ceremony last Saturday — and when one of the showpiece events of the championships, the 100 metres final, was won by Maurice Greene, the stadium appeared to be only halffull. The word in Athens is that the organisers are not to

villain as an Italian, Primo Nebiolo, the president of the IAAF.

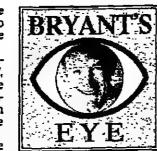
Vangelis Savrannis, the director-general of Athens '97. said angrily: "We asked the IAAF to move the championships to the end of the month when the stadium would be full. They didn't listen."

in the first four days of the championships, the daily average sales of tickets has been fewer than 24,000. The capacity of the stadium is 85,000 and the organisers have been working flat out to dream up gimmicks to pull in a crowd.

The problem is that half the population of Athens is on summer holiday and the sea and sand have proved a more popular lure than the track. This means not just empty seats but empty tills, and Greek newspapers have been predicting a deficit of more than £2 million on the championships.

The final cost to Athens could be many millions and the Greek Athletic Federation made things worse by agree-ing that the IAAF need not contribute to the cost, as it has

These championships are



seen as the final card in Athens' bid to secure the 2004 Olympics and there are about International Olympic Committee visitors scrutinising from the stands.

Many believe that what is really going on in Athens this week is a struggle between the Greeks and the Romans for who gets the Olympic Games. Athens and Rome are bidding against Cape Town, Buenos Aires and Stockholm and the decision will be taken in Lausanne on September 5.

Recent history makes one wonder if anyone really wants the hassle and expense of big, overblown championships like these anyway. There are always too many events with too many competitors and the whole thing is spread over too many

games are staged, the organisers boast that they are better and bigger. In Athens, we are told, there are athletes from a record 200 countries, early days of these championmaking these championships the best-attended sports competition, in terms of competitors, in history. There are 1,225 men and 732 women

More countries than before are watching the action on television, with 212 countries taking footage. The IAAF boasts that 3.3 billion will watch these championships on

However, the Athenians are

weil aware that Atlanta is still smarting after the wounding experience of staging the Olympics last summer and, despite all Nebiolo's enthusiasm, there is considerable hostility to the Games in Rome. One anti-Games lobby group is so well organised and funded that it has published a book, in English and Italian, entitled 10 Good Reasons to say No to the 2004 Olympics in Rome. Traffic. corruption, pollution and above all the crippling long-term costs are all invoked by opponents of the Roman bid. They will never convince Nebiolo. While the public in Athens may have stayed away from the wastelands of heats and semi-finals during the ships, the battle between Nebiolo and the Greeks over who gets the Olympics is something that they understand — and a contest you

could sell tickets for. After Nebiolo's taunts about the empty stands, the Greeks finally flocked to the stadium on Tuesday evening. Nearly all the seats were full - and the tickets had been paid for. To bang the message home, in one of the stands a Greek held up a placard reading: "We're here Primo."

Of course, it also helped that a Greek, Kostas Gatsioudis. was heavily fancied in the javelin. He finished with a bronze medal, but his effort packed them in.

As the Greeks found when one of their shepherds won the first Olympic marathon in 1896, in front of more than 60,000 wildly enthusiastic spectators, you cannot beat a local hero if you want to fill the

JOHN BRYANT

TELEVISION CHOICE

An entertaining departure

BBC i. 8.00pm (except Scotland)

More than nine million people have been tuning in to this anthology of tales from Heathrow and it is not difficult to understand why. Part of the appeal is watching other people going through such horrors as overcrowded lounges and delayed flights. But what hooks an audience is the soap opera ploy of regular characters and a raft of skilfully-spliced stories. A star of the series is Jeremy, the plump, genial and very British supervisor of the Russian airline Aeroflot. A running joke is that Jeremy keeps losing passengers. And so it is tonight, except that 25 meals have gone missing as well as nine Russian schoolchildren. But tredit to Jeremy, he does not once lose his cool. We also renew the acquaintance of Anita from the VIP Suite, and Michele, the

cheery trouble-shooter of Terminal Three.

How Buildings Learn BBC2, 8.00pm

Stewart Brand calls the penultimate programme of his stimulating series The Romance of Maintenance but he is being ironic. Maintaining buildings is not romantic. It means expense and hassle and there is nothing to show at the end. Yet, hassle and there is nothing to show at the end. Yet, as Brand says, no maintenance can mean no building. He is not just talking about repairing leaks or tackling dry rot, but how such timings can be avoided in the first place. His per hate is the flat roof. He claims, perhaps with exaggeration, that flat roofs always let in water. On the positive side to urges the use of brick and wood, which age well and need little upkeep. To underline the point he shows us examples of 300-year-old weather-boarding in New England and bricks in the Italian town of Lucca which go back to Ruman times.

Secrets of the Gobi Descrit Channel 4. 9.00pm

Bill Paterson, who is also the voice-over for Airport, narrates a tale of fossil hunting in the Mongolian desert. It is a rich field, particularly for the remains of dinosaurs. The film follows an expedition led by Mike Novacek and Mark Norell from the American Museum of Natural History in New York, Novacek and Norell are following in

Jeremy searches for passengers (BBCI)

the tyre tracks of a fellow-countryman, Roy the tyre tracks of a fellow-countryman, Roy Chapman Andrews. He was a flamboyant explorer and self-publicist whose travels in the 1920s are recalled in flickering black and white film. The Communists put paid to Andrews, and for 65 years the fossil fields became forbidden territory. Even allowing for the compression which a television film imposes, the Novacek-Norell team makes an impressive number of finds. They suggest that dinosaurs lived not on lizards, as you might expect, but birds.

BBC Proms \$7

The Envy of the World

Radio 3, 10.45pm

BBC1, 10.20pm The first of the season's Proms to be shown on BBCI features The Gondoliers. It is some years since Gilbert and Sullivan were represented at the since Gilbert and Sullivan were represented at the Proms but with Lenson and Macartney included for the first time it was logical to bring back their Victorian forerunners. A concert performance may not match a full theatrical staging. But with G and S the songs are the thing and it does not need elaborate sets and costumes to bring out the catchy melodies and witty lyrics. A tale of baby-swapping kidnapping and mistaken identity. The Gondoliers was the pair's last important collaboration and played before Queen Victorial Tonight's cast has Jamie McDougall and Jason Howard in the title roles, with Richard Suart as the Duke of Plaza-Toro and Donald Maxwell as Don Duke of Plaza-Toro and Donald Maxwell as Don.

Just for one night, Radio 3 invites us to switch our

attention away from what's happening to Radio 4. and learn instead what has happened, and might yet happen, to Radio 3. Tonight's documentary winds up Humphrey Carpetter's three-part history of a network that started life as the Third Programme and measurements of the Radio. 2 he

Programme and metamorphosed into Radio 3 in the late 1960s. You will have noticed that there is no

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Going Back Radio 4, 7.20pm

Hitler reckoned without Pat Bing, Freds James and Connie Callum. He believed the Nazis Enigma codes were unbreakable. Pat, Freda and Connie, plus some 10,000 others, were to give him a nasty shock. Sworn to secrety and operating as independent units in Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire—they never met their team-mates—they broke the Germans' naval codes, and down the line to Churchill's war cabinet hunker in London went the vital information without which the Second World War could have dragged on for years. Going Back tells what happened when, over 50 years later, Pat, Freda and Connie returned to Bleichley's huts, swapped memories and—an Enigma variation—gossip of a personal nature.

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RADIO 2

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TALK RADIO

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some of Carpenter's witnesses have queried that assumption. Familiar names and voices from the Third Programme and Radio 3 feature in tonight's imal instalment, including Richard Baker, Cormac

WORLD SERVICE All times in BST. News on the tiour: 6.00mm Newsday 8.30 Europe 7.15 World Athleton 7.30 Meridian Books 8.15 Oit the Shall 9.30 Corposer of the Month 8.10 Pausa for Thought 9.15 Crossing the Books 9.30 Julies Holland Collection 10,35 Business 18.15 Chempions 10.30 BSC English 10.45 Sport 11,30 Discovery 12.30pm Leisning World 12.45 F.O. O. C. 1.35 Business 1.15 Britain 1.20 Recard News 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshow 2,05 Outlook 3.20 Neutrack 4.05 Sport 6.15 Crossing the Border 4.30 News in German 8.00 Business 2.45 Britain 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 8.45 Sport 7.30 Assignment 8.35 Cultook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain 10.30 Aeridian Books 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05mm Ottlook 12.30 Vistage Chart Show 1.30 Crossing the Border 1.45 Britain 2.30 The World 9.30 Pocus one field the Border 1.45 Sport 4.30 Europe

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Ravel (Valses Nobles et Sentimentales); Chopin (Study in E. Op 10 No 3)

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Stravinsky (Suite: The Firebird, 1919 version) (r)
3.45 Brahms: Chamber Muslic, Dong-Suk Kang, viol
Raphael Wallfisch, cello, David Owen Norris,
piano, Brahms (Cello Sonata No 2 in F, Op 98;

Violin Sonata No 2 in A. Op 100; Plano Trio No 3 in C minor, Op 100; (f)

8.00 The Maste Machine, with Torrary Pearson (f)

8.15 in Tame, Geraint Lewis presents a special edition from the National Estaddford at Bala in north Wates, with contributions from plants Iwan
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7.30 BBC Prome 97; Inger Dam-Jensen, soprano, BBC Prome 97; Inger Dam-Jensen, soprano, BBC Sottish Symphony Orchestra, under Marlyn Brabbins. Bertok (Dence Suite); Strauss
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10:45 The Envy of the World, See Choice (r)

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Send in the clones for race to glory to overhaul Moses Kiptanui.

THE Scottish laboratory technicians reckon that they are shead in the art of cloning mammals, in sheep if not man. Africa, however, has been at it for decades, producing track runners who are virtual blood brothers, winners of gold medals at world and Olympic championships as if it were birthright. Again, yesterday, the Kenyans re-

minded us of this. In successive races in the Olympic Stadium, Wilson Kipketer strode gracefully to victory in the 800 metres semi-- and then Wilson

TIMETABLE

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TODAY: 05 00! Min/12 50km wiffi final 08.20; Women's long jump qualifying round five groups). 08.30; Women's svelin qualifying round group A. 08.10; Women's javelin qualifying round groups B. 18.00; Women's 10km walk final 18.10; Women's discus final, 16.30; Women's shot final, 17.00; Women's 50km semi-finals, 17.25; Women's 200m semi-finals, 17.50; Women's 800m semi-finals, 18.20; Women's 5,000m semi-finals, 19.15; 110m hurdies final

Kipketer sprinted to gold at the end of yet another Kenyandominated 3,000 metres steeplechase.

They are not related, these namesakes, but the steeplechaser felt that he had lived long enough in the shadow of Kinketer, the world's smoothest 800-metre man. This season, he took a pseudonym and the Kenyans now call him Wilson "Boit" Kipketer. For his part. Kinketer, the steeolechaser, played a waiting game three times the world champion, in the kick for the line. Bernard Barmasai, another Kenyan, took the bronze. That will not be an end

to this brotherhood. The Kipketer who breezes through 800 metres has become the only man to equal Sebastian Coe's world record of Imin 41.73sec. About 16 years separated Coe's glide to the record in Florence and Kipketer matching it in Stockholm.

By Friday, even Coe anticipates that Kipketer could eclinse the time. What a pity that we cannot use a time machine to pit this Kenyan against Coe and settle to what would be the 800 metres of all.

Officially, Kipketer, of 800 he is resident in Denmark and is now qualified to wear the red of his adopted homeland. Kenya, however, will not let him go. Peter Njenga, a correspondent for the Nation Daily in Kenya, said: "Kipketer may be a Dane, but Kenyans could not care less He is one of them, blood runs deep in the veins and no medal would be more valued and

celebrated in Kenya than the 800 metres gold." That, of course, assumes he wins it on Friday. For, maintaining the brotherhood, there is another Kenyan, Patrick Konchellah, the winner of the other 800 metres semi-final vesterday, who, despite losing a shoe at the bell, had the balance, courage and confi-

Kipketer, the adopted Dane,

dence to take the race.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37

LEAH (c) The elder daughter of Laban and, with her sister Rachel, wife to their cousin Jacob. Leah bore six of Jacob's 12 sons and their daughter Dinah. Claude painted the two sisters in one of his luscious landscapes (at the Hermitage).

(c) One of Job's ineffectual comforters. Bildad the Shuhite tries to persuade Job that his suffering, deserved or undeserved, will

(c) High priest in Jerusalem and head of the family which virtually morropolised this office. He was deposed by the Roman procurator Valerius Gratus in AD 15, but was succeeded by his son Eleazar, his son-in-law Caiaphas and by three other sons.

(b) A prophet who was perhaps one of Isaiah's principal successors in the late 7th century BC but possibly post-Exilic (mid 4th century BC). Cultivated and rational, he was a utopian and did not gloat as he warned of the disasters in store.

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Kipketer's 800 metres rivals struggle to match the elegant world record-holder

of the track. In that acceleration to the finish, he was

playing with world-class com-

precisely as he had won the heat, settling back in last place, coming off the bend and easing past the entire field. He runs in a fashion that makes the phrase "grace under pressure" almost redundant. Who knows what potential is in him? Who can tell how he has the audacity and the cunning

to sit back there and press the button to his turbo boost? "When I am running alone, in the front," he said. "it's missing something." Enough said - and it is all you get anyway from the man Denmark has dubbed the Garbo

the eyes alert, the head still, until, with the merest glance to his right, he saw no danger and he soothed his bantamweight body home in first place.

His namesake had to do much more. He was intent on stalking Kiptanui, who had a slight sore throat vesterday or so he said - and that was enough for Kipketer Mark II to succeed him. Kiptanui had had his turn, Kipketer, 23. was nudging him aside and Kiptanui, all of 27, was pushed

petitors; he was running erect, nyans believe in sitting on the fence, they are perpetuating an astonishing dynasty. The German Democratic Republic has gone, the corruption of their regime in sport brought down the Berlin Wall. The Chinese women created dubious records in running, but their impact was dishanded with the infamous Ma's Army. The only things that keep the African domination turning are as old as history: human potential and the desire to step

ished fourth.

backwards into history. The

name Kipketer means "born

on the verandah". No Ke-

Compensation for Moroccan

who was captivated by watching the 5,000 metres victory of his fellow Moroccan, Said Aouita, at the 1984 Olympics. found consolation yesterday for his misfortune in the L500 metres at the Atlanta Games last year by winning over that distance at the world champi-

onships (David Powell For El Guerrouj, it represented the continuation of an extraordinary year. During the indoor season, he became the first man for 59 years to hold both the indoor mile and 1.500 metres world records. setting them only ten days apart. So began the process of putting behind him the distress of Atlanta, where he was tripped in the final when it seemed he was ready to end Noureddine Morceli's fiveyear reign as world No I. He trailed in a despondent twelfth, having been tripped

just before the bell. Yesterday, he took control with 600 metres to go, injecting a sudden burst of speed that opened a two-metre lead on Morceli. On the back straight of the final lap. Morceli closed slightly, but again El Guerrouj changed gear, going on to win in 3min

Morceli paid the price for chasing El Guerrouj and was passed first by Fermin Cacho and, shortly before the line, Reyes Estevez. While Spain celebrated winning silver and championships, El Guerrouj had taken the 5,000 metres bronze medal behind Haile Gebreselassie, from Ethopia, yesterday's winner of the 10,000 metres. With two laps to go, six athletes remained in contention, but Gebreselassie made a surprise attack 570

At the 1992 world junior

metres from home. Such a burst of speed has rarely, if ever, been seen in a 10,000 metres and by the bell his lead was 15 metres. Gebreselassie won in 27min 24.58sec. Paul Tergat, from Kenya, who was second, threw angry looks after crossing the line, knowing that he had been caught completely by surprise.

LIE BACK AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF PHENOMENAL KISSIN.

All Marie Control

Willingly brainwashed, despicably betrayed committed mass spicide last January without the sort of provocation act, such as threats by the local

is how so many people joined such a dud cult in the first place. Not only was there no guarantee of constant sex—and, let's be honest," the general impression in the noncult world is that membership of creepy, quasi-religious cults brings chothes designer Jean Paul with it the sexual equivalent of Gauhier, which may explain those unlimited trips to the salad bar, weird outlits the cult members all unlimited trips to the salad bar, and that the higher up you are in the cult's pecking order the more. Little Gem lettuces you get to munch - sex was actually banned.

"You would constantly find tech-

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (13945)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (18303)

People are still mystified as to niques that would eliminate that why the 39 members of San desire," explained Michael, a for had any.

Diego's Heaven's Gate cult mer member who luckily ran out of techniques after 13 years and this had an excuse to flee the cult that would justify such a drastic in time to save his life. But men and women weren't segregated television network to start broadand accidents happened, in which casting a season of Bob Monk-case you had to go to the cult's house shows.

But the real mystery, having shopage in secuality. Sometimes been led behind the cult's unitains, the slippage was so bad that it was in last night's Inside Story (BBCI), your testicles that ended up slippage. ping clean away: autopsies showed that eight of the cults members had castrated themselves.

The other mystery is how much its white haired leader. Marshall. Applewhite, resembled the impish wore for their communal death. If they had met their end while dressed in conical Gaultier bras and tartan skirts, it would at least have shown that they had some

ee-Ann Wolf, former disciple, recalled how: "We used I to joke in class that we were the cult of cults. We weren't here to be programmed or brainwashed. We were here to beg to be brainwashed. They soon learnt that one thing worse than wanting something is getting it. Michael remembered how everything was done to a formula. You were not to come with 'Well, I'm gonna make the pancakes this big'. There was a mixture, a size, how long you cooked it on one side, how much the burner was on, how many a person got to the point where the males - I shaved - were not to go up with the razor, only down." It came as no surprise to learn that offences included "trusting my own judgment, or using my own mind". And they had ways of whipping you into line. Enemas

REVIEW

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Joseph



and "special purges" must have been persuasive. One favourite was called the "Master Cleaner", made from lemonade, cayenne pepper and maple syrup. I mean, you wouldn't even shoot that up a

dog's backside. Even if it let you. You can't help wondering if Applewhite spent years giggling to himself and telephoning all his pals late at night and saying. They, Bill, listen to this. You know I told you I got some of the guys to thop off their own walnuts? Well I've just squirred two gallons of lemonade and cavenne peoper up their backsides and there wasn't a peep out of a single one of them. I figure maybe next week I'll tell them that we must all pass on to the 'level above human' by com-

So you can't blame the Meaders - whose daughter Gail joined Applewhite in January's ascent to the "level above numan" — for thinking that the tragedy was "one suicide, 38 murders". Their daughter lives on in an Ansafone tape recording of the one phone call she made to her parents, warning them she would "probably never" come home again. You felt guilty eavesdropping on such grief.

Dad: "Hi! Howyadoin? Jeez. we

mitting mass suicide."

miss you Gail. We don't know what you're doing. We're worried about you. How about coming up for a visit? Ah, you can't be that busy. I'll buy you a ticket. We wanna see you. You can't be that busy you can't see your family." Ma: "Are you eating well? First chance you get come home for a visit. Bye. Love you." Click.

Michael, Lee-Ann, Gail - all plausible human beings; intelligent, happy. That's what made this film so chilling.

rangely, earlier in the evening, TW Time Machine (BBCl) — a summer series which wants to bring a not-sobreathless nation up to date on some of the inventions Tomorrow's World has unveiled over the past 33 years — was itself interrupted by a ghostly, silhouetted vision of a white-haired cult leader, a man who has spawned several proselytising disciples. It turned out to be Raymond Baxter, come to see how his current frontmen -Maggie Philbin and Howard Stableford - are faring. On this

"Master Cleaner" (with double cavenne) if they don't find a snapoier way of camouflaging this collage of archive clips.

Patrick Macnee, now an expatriate in Palm Springs, told us on One Foot In The Past (BBC2) that he wants to be buried in Bosham, the pretty Sussex seaside village where he used to recuperate in the 1960s between filming episodes of The Avengers, It was in Bosham that King Canute once ordered the tide to turn back. Here, too, that Harold, who later bought an arrow through the eye at the Battle of Hastings, set sail to make peace with William of Normandy. Maybe it will be here that Avengers fans will one day gather to pay their respects to Steed as the harbour fills with the sound of Macnee and Honor Blackman singing Kinky Boots. It was an unlikely hit when re-released in 1989; OK. perhaps not in Bosham.

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9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1):(5455736) Line was 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (5436028) 9.50 Esther (f) (f) (6322113) 10,20 The Roadshow Collection (I) 10,45 News (I) and weether (7944587) 10.50 Cricket: Fifth Test — England v Australia Tdny Lawis introduces early action from the opening session of the latest instalment in the battle for the Asias at Trent Bridge. Continues on the consequence.

12.35pm Neighbours (1) (1354308) 1.00 News (T) and weather (15262)

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4.00 Popeye (2250007) 4.10 To Me, to You (4445489) 4.35 Cartoon Criters (7193228) 5.00 Newstound (7) (2868649) 5.10 Byker Grove (f) (1) (2703282) 5.35 Neighbours (f) (T) (691939)

8.00 News (7) and weather (194) 6.30 Regional News (674) 7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Vanes Feltz Introduces a report on house-swap holidays. The British women's bobsleigh

team check out the country's scalest white-truckle does and Anne-McEviti Izoas snother weekend house makeover "mission impossible" (T) (9764) 7.30 EastEnders Phi mally sees the fight, while Berry's trancie manages to convince Patishe's the perfect women for

her son in law (T) (858) 8.00 School Airport Forty groups of objornant arrive to the Bosnian peace talks, and prompty called chaos for Anta Newcourt in the VIP suite

8.30 Piligrams Rest: No Newscie Blod News Pamela is delighted to retista a survey sophisticated and incredibly wetaling continues is actually an old figure. Bob, however, isn't quite so happy about the situation and promptly sets about wooling his waitness. Gary Olsen, Gwen Taylor and Nina Young star (1) (6849)

9.00 News (1) and weather (4259) 9.30 999 International Michael Buark and Juliet Morris present amazing stories of real-life .rescues, including the life-ordeath operations carried out in the African bush and a perachutet whose hamese got caught on the plane as she was tumping. Plus, how Hawattan theguards saved heliday-makers awept

into the see by a tidal wave (1) (646129) Naughtle htroduces a performor of Gilbert and Sulliver's operate The Gondollers (876804)

11.55 Victor/Victoria (1982) Blake Edwards's satire, attaring Julie Andrews as a failed singer who poses as a famule impersonator to gelin success on the Paris cabaret circuit. Also starting James

Gamer, Robert Preston and Lastey Ann Warren (70469649) 2.05am Weather (1666885) VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes: The numbers next to each TV programme listing are video PlusCode" numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+T handset. The In the Video PlusCode for the programme your with to record. Videoplus+("), Pluscode (") and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gernster Development Ltd.

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4.00 Criciost and Athletics Live coverage from Trent Bridge and Athlene. Criciost England v Australia. Coverage to the close of play on the opening day of the Fifth Test Athletics the final of the men's 110m hundler at 7.15pm, preceded by the senti-finals of the men's and women's 290m, the women's 800m and the women's 5,000m (1555939)

How Buildings Learn: The Romance of Mathematics Stewart Brand looks at how the forces of nature conspire to make homes fell apert (T) (7484) WALES: And Now, Overto Our Treation in search of Blue John in

Derbyehine and lawarder in Norfolic Gloucesternhine's hidden history; a woodland least (1) (8991) 00 Third Rock from the Sun (7) (838200)



9.25 This Life Miles and Francesca's wedding day arrives. Will the groom take his yows or elope with Anne? With Jack Devenport, Last in the series (1) (900303) 10.10 New Season on Two (734295) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (749397)

10.30 Newsmight (T) (939281) 11.15 Cricket: Fifth Test Highlights (981804) 12.00 Holiday Weather (4495359) 12.05am Platypus Man (8497446)

12.30 Learning Zone: Open University: Your-Place or Mine? (80175) 1.00 Markets and Hierarchies (34311) 1.30 New Forms of Partnership (80088) 2.00 Summer Nights (27137) 4.00 Languages (50589) 5.00 Business and Work (21953) 1.00mm GMTV (7809571) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (5420465)

9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3381991) 10.20 News (T) (6183939)

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ver Customs: Operation Carle II The discovery of a deserted, cannable-laden yacht off the Devon coast leads Customs and Emiss to suspect the missing drug-dealers are on the run and trying to leave British (1) (6945)



9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Si When the daughter of a Nigerian GP goes missing. Wexford is involved in the sensitive area of race relations. With George Baker and Christopher Revenscroft (1/3) (r) (1) (9939) 10.00 News (T) and weather (67552)

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1.45 Androcles and the Lion (1952, b/w) The screen version of George Bernard Shaw's satirical table starting Alan Young, Jean Summons and Victor Mature. Directed by Chester Erskine (T) (83697033)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Moules marnieres; salmon with Puy lentils; chocolate soutille and mocha ice (7) (620) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (755) 4.30 Countdown

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8.00 Time Team Tony Robinson and Mick Aston are at Templecombe, Somerset, in search of the Knights Templar's base (r) (1) (3945)



9.00 Secrets of the Gobi Desert Treasures hidden for 80 million years beneath the Gobi Desert unearthed by two American scientists in 1995 (T) (7151)

10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? improvised comedy (1) (245194) 10.35 Sleep with Me_(1994) A romentic

comedy starring Eric Stoliz, Meg Tilly, Craig Shetfer and Quentin Tarantino Directed by Rory Kelly (70199587) 12.10am Romber Command: Resping the Whithwind The controversy aurounding the RAF's bombing of German cities during the Second World War (r) (T)

1.10 Living with the Enemy Islanders who lived throught the Nazi occupation of Jersey talk about their experiences (r) (T)

2.10 The Convoy Operation Pedestal, a campaign mounted in 1942 to help Malta (r) (1) (2289683)

3.25 The Wonderful Horrilde Life of Leni Riefenstahi Profile of the sometime actress (r) (T) (2258798) 4.55 Two Little Girls and a War ir)

5.15 History in Action The spirit of Dunkirk (r)

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3.30 Babes in Toyland (1988) A lantasy musical with Drew Barrymore, Richard Mulligan and Keanu Reeves Directed by

5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (60462007) 5.30 100 Per Cent (5353587) 6.00 Move on Up (5270200)

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Last chance to keep Ashes dream alive

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EIGHT years ago, Michael Atherton made his Test match debut against Australia at Trent Bridge. He was out for nought and England were crushed by an innings and 180 runs. This was character-building stuff, instructive preparation for the tormented route that was to lead him back to where it all began and to this most critical moment in

The greatest desire that Atherton brought to the England captaincy in 1993 was that the Ashes should be reclaimed, the years of subservience to Australia ended. This summer provided his better chance, but it will have come to nothing, along with all the good intentions of his leadership, unless England can win the corresponding fifth Test, which starts in Nottingham today.

The signs are not propitious. Yesterday, while the unchanged Australians strutted their stuff with everinflating confidence, England lost their most effective bowler, Darren Gough, to a knee injury. They are now contemplating a shift in strate-gy by including two spin bowlers for the first time in the series, a move that could delay the introduction of Ben

If Atherton seeks solace, he

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BRITISH MIDLAND

could do worse than reflect on his own debut, made when things were infinitely worse. England were in turmoil that August, with David Gower close to resigning as captain and team selection apparently being conducted through a

revolving door. Another player to make his debut at Trent Bridge that day was a black fast bowler, muscular and distinctly wayward. He took one for 166 and was famously referred to by the chairman of selectors, Ted Dexter, as Malcolm Devon. Thanks to Gough's injury.

Tufnell's turn? County reports Record total ...

Devon Malcolm could also be back where he started this morning, though he and Atherton will pray for a somewhat

different agenda.

At the close of the first day in 1989, Australia were 301 for no wicket. The opening stand eventually realised 329 and when the present coach, Geoff Marsh, was out, the present captain, Mark Taylor, went on to make 219, still the highest

score of his Test career. Something similar today would be sufficient to puncture England's lingering opti-

mism and settle the Ashes. For this reason. Atherton is preaching self-belief and, perhaps more importantly, trying to win the toss for the first time

Although Steve Birks, in his first season as groundsman, has injected more life into the reviously moribund Trent Bridge square, Atherton will be anxious to bat first and dictate terms on what looks the best pitch of the series. His inclination to use both Croft and Tufnell also relies heavily upon this.

"It is definitely an attractive option here," he said. "I have been keen to do it all summer, but conditions have not been right. We have had a seamerfriendly season, but, in New Zealand last winter, I felt that the two spinners gave me a greater degree of control."

Gough's withdrawal, with a condition that threatens to end his series, is a disincentive, because picking both spinners will leave England with either a thin seam attack or an alarmingly long tail. As Mal-colm cannot be trusted as one of two fast bowlers, his inclusion would mean the younger Hollioake misses out and the tail begins at No 7. Otherwise, Hollioake minor would have to play as third seam bowler, a

heavy responsibility even for such a self-possessed teenager. The ballyhoo around Ben shows no sign of abating. Yesterday, he was photo-graphed with Brian Close standing over him in a grandfatherly way. Close, thus far the only teenager to have red Test cricket for Eng land, had played 15 first-class games before his debut, scored more than 600 runs and taken 66 wickets. Hollicake's figures are II games, 422 runs and 21 wickets. On experience alone, he is England's greatest gam-ble, but the first of four capacity crowds would regard his exclusion with dismay.

DETAILS

AUSTRALIA: M A Teylor (captern), M T G Bliott, G S Blewett, M E Waugh, S F Waugh, R T Portung, I A Heely, S K Warne P R Retfiel, J N Gitlespie. G D McGrath. Umpires: O R Shepherd and C J Methie (South Akica) Third umpire: A A Jone: Malich referes: C W Smith (West Indies). TELEVISON: Live: BBC1; 10.50am-12.35pm; BBC2; 12.35pm-1 0pm; BBC1; 1.40pm-4.0pm; BBC2; 4.0pm-close, Nighlights: BBC2; 11.18pm

Atherton spoke positively of his youngest charge. "He is at 1 Tacitum (8) age where there are no inhibitions," he said. "He is a natural and I will just tell him 2 Wooden house; crew room to enjoy himself." 4 Lawn game (6)

it is easy to forget that Sleep fitfully (4.3.4) Adam, the elder Hollioake, is One with limb removed (7) also playing his first Test. His Mongolian tent (4) inclusion is not in doubt and Regularly-afflicted place he will bat at No 6. with his medium-pace bowling a use-12 America (3.5) ful bonus. Three batsmen move up the order, the most 14 Imagine, assume (7) interesting of them being Alec 16 Noxious vapour (6) Stewart, who reverts to open-18 Chuck (5)

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ing with Atherton. This is the time of year when England regularly reach last resort, and hand Stewart increased duties. He was evidently unhappy at the alternative of batting down the order, but to open and keep wicket would be asking a lot of him even in prime form,

which he certainly is not. Both Stewart and Atherion underwent lengthy practice sessions with Graham Gooch yesterday and it was good to see the summer's most notable retirement already being put to good use. England require runs from both their senior players today if there is to be a chance of Atherton sustaining

his great ambition. The captain continues to talk a good game. "You guys may have written us off." he said yesterday, "but, if we can win this game. I think we will go to the Oval as favourites." It is, as he well knows, a big if.

From David Powell, athletics correspondent, in athens One of only two British not defend his world title in Dalton Grant set a world women to win an Olympic best for a first jump in the high jump but was unable to im-

track title, Gunnell suffered a call strain brought on by her victory in the first round of the 400 metres hurdles on Tuesday. She did not want to take her chance in the semi-finals and risk a repeat of Atlanta, where she was taken to the medical room in a wheelchair. "The last thing I wanted was to pull up injured," Gurmell said. Among Britons, only Gunnell and Daley Thompson have won Olympic, world, European and Common-wealth gold medals and set an

Gunnell has not reached a final since the 1994 Commonwealth Games, having failed even to start at the 1995 world championships. While the temptation to retire must be great, she would be sad to go out on this note. The European championships next year offer reasonable odds of a happier valediction; she did. after all, win the event at the European Cup in June.

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SALLY GUNNELL and Colin Jackson, who were denied the chance two years ago to defend the hurdles world titles that they had won with world records in 1993, experienced contrasting fortunes yesterday in their attempts to regain them. Gunnell withdrew injured, but Jackson looked in his best form for three years and able to challenge for a medal this evening at the Gunnell declined to say whether this, the third inter-

national championship in succession in which she has been cursed by injury, pointed to retirement. "I still do not know outdoor world record. about the rest of my career," Gunnell, 31, said. "I will make a decision at the end of the It is the second time this season that she has hinted at retirement. After finishing fifth in the Oslo Grand Prix she said that she was "a bit fed

up" and, asked whether she was thinking of finishing for good, added: That is one of the things that crosses your Jackson, the 110 metres hurdles world record-holder, did 1995 as a consequence of a dispute with the British Athletic Federation. That, injuries prove on his 3.32 metres to win a medal. Grant finished equal and his athlete management business contributed towards fourth in a competition won by relatively poor form on the Javier Sotomayor, from Cuba, with 2.37 metres. Artis: Partyle, from Poland, was track and he has soon nothing

of note since his Commonwealth Games victory in 1994. "He has been tending to look after other people in recent times rather than himself," Malcolm Arnoid, Jackson's coach, said. At the beginning of the year he returned to Arnold in a backto-basics approach and yester-day he finished ahead of Allen Johnson, the Olympic and

The triple jump final today includes Jonathan Edwards, the defending champion, who needed just one qualifying jump yesterday. Edwards, inhis first competition for six weeks because of a heel injury. the automatic qualifying distance of 17 metres and said: "Everything is okay, I feel

Early bath given extra fizz

in black brandishing bottles of orange on green pitch with white lines. Or you will see red. Yesterday, referees joined

world championships here.

the rush towards greater sporting commercialism by signing a sponsorship agree ment. Their association has been backed by Red Card, the extended energy orange drink Arthur Smith, general secretary of the Referees' Association, said: "We wouldn't be involved with it if we didn't like it. You have to be mindful of the image it might portray."

Footballers might never have guesed that referees truly savour their Red Cards. However, there was a potential dissenter yesterday in the form of Peter Willis, the Referees' Association president and a former policeman. Willis preferred the long finger of the law to the red . Julian Muscat sees the men in black sign a new deal with an

ed Kevin Moran, of Manchester United, towards an early exit from the 1985 FA Cup Final. Few sponsors would have forgiven such a aissed opportunity to flourish their product.

orange energy drink

Referees would much rather not use the red card as they much rather players behave." Willis said. "The more you use of this," he added as he held up a bottle of the beverage in question, "the less you'll get of that," he said as he reached for his chest

Regulations dictate that no Red Card branding is permitted on referees' kit, but the half-time drinking habits. Asked if Red Card would replace the traditional cup of ca, Willis said: "Most referees already drink high-energy liquids. I refereed the first-ever Milk Cup Final at Wembley; just about the only drink I couldn't get at half-time was

It was difficult to agree with Andrew Marsden, marketing manager of Britvic, the drink's manufacturer, who described the occasion as "a small piece of history". Still, footballers from Old Trafford to Hackney Marshes have long suspected that referees are addicted to their red cards, so Red Card is happy and referees are delighted to be associated with an energy

drink favoured by sportsmen. The squeaky-clean assocition between soft drinks and football was tainted, however, by the press release. The man contact for more information? Beer Davies. Cheers.

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Di Canio promises nothing but best for Wednesday... BY IAN WHITTELLAND RUSSELL KEMPSON PAOLO DI CANIO yesterday

became Sheffield Wednesday's record signing and immediately set about improving his image in the eyes of British football. The talented, but often unpredictable, Italian striker leaves Calvin aftern striker leaves Celtic after a much-publicised rift. He completed the £4.5 mil-

lion transfer yesterday and assured his new manager, David Pleat, and the Wednesday supporters that there will be no repeat of the unrest that marred his career north of the border. "I loved Cetic and I loved their fans, but some-times a love affair has to end," Di Canio said. "I wanted to stay, but I had to think about

my future.

I am happy that all of my problems with Celtic are now. behind me and I can look forward to a good season with Sheffield Wednesday. I can promise that my attitude will be 100 per cent in every game and in every training session and I will sacrifice myself for the club because I love the "sport."

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Manchester United's Norway striker, who expected to be sidelined for six weeks because of injured ankle ligaments, has been pencilled in to make a rapid return in Nor-ways World Cup qualifying game against Finland on Au-gust 20. One player whose career at Old Trafford will not progress further, at least for the time being is Dante Poli. The 22-year-old centre half from Chile returned to South America yesterday after failing to earn a contract with United after a two-week trial. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "He is flying home, but will maybe come back in a year. He is only young and be has impressed us while he has been here."

RODDA COM manager, has had his contract extended until December 31. 1999. Gould, who succeeded Mike Smith two years ago. will take charge of the perd European champtonship qualifying campaign. "I love the job and believe we have started to build something." he said. "I want to be around a bit longer to see it develop."

Southampton-yesterday signed Stig Johansen, the Norway striker, from Bodo Glant in a deal worth £600,000, -.

McKay

to chair

Nazi gold

meeting

in Britain

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR A two-day conference on Nazi

gold will be hosted by Britain

in Landon in December, it

was announced yesterday. It will be opened by Robin Cook. the Foreign Secretary, and will

be chaired by Lord Mackay of

The conference fulfills a

promise made by Mr Cook on

taking office that Britain

would call together all those involved in the claims on gold

brought from Nazi Germany

by Switzerland and other neu-

tral countries during the Sec-

A final distribution of the

remaining ingots in Britain

and America has not yet been

made, and the Government is now considering giving it directly to Jewish charities for

Holocaust victims instead of

he ten claimant governments

include representatives from America and France, the other

two members of the Tripartite

Gold Commission, as well as

lewish organisations, repre-

sentatives of the claimant gov-

Those expected to attend

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Albright attacks suicide bomb vultures'

BY BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON AND ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

security co-operation" cannot

cob and flow with the ups

and downs of negotiation. The

Palestinian commitment to fight terror must be absolute."

She also implicitly chided Israel for pressing ahead with

building in territories whose ownership is at the heart of difficulties in sturing "perma-neut status" talks, "It is fair to

ask: how can you create a

credible environment for ne-

godation when actions are

being taken that seem to pre-

In Israel, Binyamin Net-anyahu, the Prime Minister,

yesterday defended his sanc-

tions against the Palestinians in the face of rising protests from Arab and other foreign

Even America, israel's greatest ally, has urged the Prime Minister to lift the

financial penalties, including

the withholding of tax reve-nue. But Mr Netanyahu said

the measures imposed after

the suicide bombings were

intended to protect his citizens.

not to punish the Palestinians.

"This campaign of terror must

be stopped if we are to have peace, he said at a joint news

conference in Jerusalem with Crown Prince El Hassan bin

Mr Netanyahu said he

hoped the security measures

Talal of Jordan.

countries.

determine the outcome?"

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT ed them that "the level of will visit the Middle East this security co-operation" cannot month in an attempt to give a tresh start to the stalled Israeti-Palestinian peace process and to press for urgent talks on the "permanent status" of contested territories.

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We have come too far to allow the vultures of violence to shape the region's future," the US Secretary of State said yesterday in a fierce condernnation of two Palestinian suicide bombers who killed 13 Israelis in a crowded Jerusalem market last week,

According to Ms Albright, America is convinced that an "accelerated approach" to talks about the region's future is urgent and important if the past four years of peace negotations are not to fail entirely.

Dennis Ross, the US envoy whose mission to Israel was aborted in the wake of the bombs, will travel to the region in the next few days and press for improvements to security in Israel and the Palestinian territories. Ms Albright's trip is conditional on progress being made on the security issue, she said.

We do not ask the impossible," she said, yesterday in Washington. "With suicide terrorists, there can be no perfect system for guaranteeing security." She called on the two sides to share information. on terrorists and to co-ordinate policing and prosecution. There can be no winks, no double meanings, no double standards, she said

In a speech which contained In a speech which contained .el was allowing food and particularly harsh-words for medicine to be sent to the West. Palestinian leaders, she warn-Bank and Gaza Strip.

Battle of wounded knee gives Clinton slim gain FROM IAN BRODIE

IN A serious blow to latenight television comedians, President Clinton has become America's First Slimmer. Mr Clinton, formerly known as Tubby or Chubby or worse, is committed to reducing waist,

When Mr Clinton tore his knee muscle last March, he was warned that most middleaged men recovering from such an injury put on 2016 or more through inactivity. Not me, said Mr Clinton,

With the fervour he brings to winning elections, he threw himself into a daunting regime of diet and exercise. He swam a mile every other day in the White House pool.

He worked out twice a day with two trainers from the US Navy. He lifted weights and pedalled a stationary bicycle for hours with his good leg. He cut his food intake to 1,500 calories a day, with no breakfast and lots of fruit. Result: he has lost just over

stone since March. When elected in 1992, Mr Clinton weighed lost 21b, the result of all the Big Macs and other fast food gobbled down along the campaign trail. Last year, he was down to 15st 6lb. "Not skinny," said Mr Clinton, "but not so fat any more." Now he is tipping the scales



The Clinton physique before, left, and after, in a recent golf game with Michael Jordan, the basketball star

at about 14st 4lb, just five pounds shy of his weight when he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

At 51, he is closing in on the ideal weight for his age and height, 6ft 22 ins, decreed by Weight Watchers at between 12st 11lb and 13st 12lb, His blood pressure is down.
"The guy is buffed," said

captain who is Mr Clinton's doctor. "He has a whole new body. The injury turned out to be a blessing in disguise." him mean. He is so proud of

Comie Mariano, the Navy

Being leaner has not made himself he monopolises conversations with cheerful boasting about his quick recovery. He has regained al-

injured when he slipped at the Florida home of Greg Norman, the Australian golfer.
Mike McCurry, White
House spokesman, jokes that

Mr Clinton's workout programme is getting to the point where he might actually be

improbable stants performed most the full range of motion by the actor Harrison Ford in in his right knee that was the new film, Air Force One. an action adventure set on the presidential ict.

Mr Clinton's new physique was on show during a return to the golf course in Las Vegas baskethall star, though his

ernments, historians, aca-demics, bankers and a large delegation from Switzerland. The aims of the conference are to pool the knowledge on the historical facts relating to looted gold; to examine the steps taken so far to reimburse countries and victims; and to examine the case for further

compensation. Other related issues may come up, in particular the accusation by some Jewish groups that Britain used the British assets of Jews from Balkan countries allied to Germany to compensate British husinessmen who lost property there after the post-

war communist takeover. The vast majority of the gold recovered from Germany after the war has already been distributed to the claimant countries, and less than two per cent - now worth some E40 million - remains in

bank vaults. The gold issue has caused a crisis for the Swiss Government which has had to contend with a wave of hostile publicity, especially in the United States.

White House shelves plan to apologise for slave trade

By IAN BRODIE

THE idea of a national apology to American blacks for slavery seemed a simple starting point for improving race relations. But in Washington matters are seldom so clear cut. Yesterday, the notion was quietly shelved.

would soon become unneces-The White House said Presisary but that would depend on the willingness of the Palestindent Clinton did not consider an apology an appropriate first step for his "national dialogue" on race. Instead, he ian Authority to demonstrate it was serious about lighting terrorism. He added that Israshunted the issue over to his new advisory commission on race relations, whose report is

not due for a year. In the meantime, Mr Clinton will ponder other ways to commemorate slavery, including a possible national monument. The apology was suggested

two months ago by Tony Hali, Democratic Congressman. generated intense reaction and Mr Clinton seemed sup-

A Gallup poll discovered that two out of three blacks were in favour, but prominent black leaders generally dismissed it as empty symbolism.

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Some believed the nation should pay monetary reparations to the descendants of

Gallup found that two out of three whites opposed an apology. It was widely considered unnecessary since slavery was abolished in 1865. Some argued that the deaths of 350,000 Union soldiers in the Civil War should be the nation's atonement. Mr Hall was swamped with comments. Mosi condemned the

idea in racist terms.

New Barbie doll has brush with intellect

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

BOWING to pressures which dictate that no woman should ever be portrayed as brainless, Mattel Inc, the maker of the Barbie doll. is to introduce a Dentist Barbie.

The doll will have a white dentist's coat-dress and will speak at the touch of a button. Mattel says: "Dentist Barbie gives positive feedback to her patient with two different phrases, 'Let's brush' and

'Great check-up!' "
The doll's "fully poseable upper torso" will enable her to simulate brushing, and "girls

can activate the sounds of teeth-brushing and water

Dentist Barbie will be joined by a range of new dolls, including a Talk With Me Barble that sits at a little pink desk with a computer. Other new dolls are more conventional: University Bar-

bie is a cheerleader with pink pom-poms: Workin' Out Barbie is an exercising doll, with a hot pink cropped Tshirt. A Marilyn Monroe Barbie will serve as a tribute to the actress.

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The next famous McCartney

pale, slim young woman looks out from the cool cream and mahogany interior of the air-conditioned building on to the packed. steamy streets of lunch-time

"Oh, I don't like all those crowds," she says. "Really freak me out, they do. Do you mind if we don't go out after

She seems fearful of the outside, yet is not entirely comfortable in these stylish confines either. Being Heather McCarmey, you imagine she could take both in her stride. After all, the man she calls my dad owns the building. And she did choose this, the headquarters of Paul McCartney's company MPL to talk for the first time about her own work as a potter.

Without any publicity fanfare she has, it appears, been doing rather well. Her vases are on sale in Selfridges. There have been exhibitions in New York and Phoenix, Arizona, and more are planned for Tokyo, Paris and Sydney. The British Council in Los Angeles has selected her to head a showcase launch, to be opened by Princess Anne in October. Wedgwood has hailed her as "one of Britain's most exciting new talents".

Such recognition would be gratifying for anyone, but Heather is particularly eager to stress just how welcome it is, "It's very important for me. Important for my own individuality, for what I need for myself in the world. I've always felt I had to be something for other people. And that led to trouble because it wasn't me I was doing it for. So it took me a long time to get to the point where I am now."

This is said with a vibrating. nervous intensity. As she looks out of the window again, she says, "This isn't my scene at all. I'm used to my own little world", and shivers with

distaste. "London and a lot of people make me feel insecure. I'm a country person, a roll-your-own kind of girl. I live alone in the countryside with my Airedale puppy, my two cats, my garden - where I grow all my own organic vegetables - and my pots. My workshop is two miles down the road. Everything in my environment is

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She's made it in her own right now, but Heather McCartney knows all the drawbacks of being a superstar's daughter. Interview by Noreen Taylor



A young Heather at Linda and Paul McCartney's wedding in London in 1969

and some water. So when you drink from one of my cups you are drinking in the earth.

"I work in silence. I can't say that music plays a big part in my life any more. There aren't any new bands around like the Clash, Led Zeppelin or my dad's music.

"And I'm really not into hard-core girl bands with tattoos selling soul who allow themselves to be backed by big drink companies. We won't press man.

"No, there's no man in my life. Can't imagine I'd meet one who fits in with me. And I'm not the sort who can adapt. I mean, that's what women do. isn't it? They fit into a man's life. People have a hard time working me out. What did you

A touch of the Tamara Airheads, i suggest. Nothing like you are. Thank you, oh.

Geoff?" she calls to the MPL chair. "Means a lot to me, you

is wearing cowboy boots, silver rings and bracelets bought in Arizona, and the kind of filmy dress her sister Stella has made her name designing. "This isn't one of Stella's dresses. A kind of barter arrangement between us would be good. My pots for her clothes. Yeah, gotta get that one sorted," she laughs.

Her accent, speech patterns

ties, punctuated by the odd northern vowel. She gives the impression of being troubled. Or is that just a legacy of past troubles? Eight years ago, Heather admitted herself to a Sussex clinic seeking treatment for an emotional disorder brought on by what was described at the time as a personality identity crisis.

I'm fine now, sorted myself, had to empty what was inside my head and focus on a higher energy. I was on a quest to find my own individuality. It's not something you can go into a shop and ask for, and I needed to know. Living up to other people's expectations can ause such stresses. You wonder, 'Ara I doing this for me or because it's expected of me? "As a child, I was always the

quiet one sitting in the corner. questioning everything. When I toured with my parents I'd be aware that there were some people who could just pick up the phone and demand a backstage pass, while others, the kids, queued all night for tickets. It was their energy that fired me, interested me."

Heather, 34, the daughter of Paul's wife, Linda, and her first husband, the American geologist Melville See, was born in Arizona and brought up in England. When she was five her mother met and married Paul, who subse-quently adopted Heather. Paul and Linda then had

three children of their own, all of whom have found success in their various niches. Mary. 27. has followed her mother into photography and has already enjoyed the distinction of having a picture accepted by the National Portrait Gallery:

> 'Do they think I just ring home for £10,000 each week?"

Stella, 24, is now based in Paris as head designer of Chloe, and James. 20, has made his debut as lead guitar-

int on his father's latest album,

Flaming Pie. Heather's unworldly lack of cynicism doesn't mean she hasn't been hitted with essential protective device that keeps her on the alert when questions touch on family matters, although she does confirm that her mother has made a full recovery from breast cancer.

"She's all right now," she says. "Like a plague, isn't it? Affects everyone in the

Linda is resuming her role as high priestess of the veggie burger. She has launched her own meatless meals company and published a series of bestselling cookbooks. Before that, there was a career as a rock photographer, which spawned a series of glossy coffee-table studies of rock icons.

And what greater rock icon is there than former Beatle Paul, one of the world's most famous men? "Oh, I'm very proud of my folks," Heather says. They're all exceptionally talented people. My brother, James, is a very special per-son, a gentle soul, and a brilliant guitarist. He's going

Being a McCartney can be a blessing. I mean, you wouldn't be sitting here talk-

ing to me if I came from an emphasise it and I'd just watch ordinary family. On the other their faces change. hand, there are all those equectations, those standards. think's going on? That I've got it made? That I just ring home for the next £10,000 once a "I thought once of changing my name, but that would have week? Well, I've got what I've been arrogant after what my parents have done for me, sot and I have to live within my own budget.

being my patrons and everything. Great names have been handed down to generations we washed up in kitchbefore, so I guess we just have to be careful and treat it with ens, worked in a pub. We were sent to state schools, so it's all very real in our family. Course, my folks would help me out if I was in real trouble. From what The great burden that used

to screw me up, make me insecure, was people's reaction to my name. I mean, they'd can gather, even ordinary, hear Heather, and nothing. working class people do that anyway, give their children their last liver." Then someone would say McCartney and really Heather admits her own.

exploits have tested her par-ents faith. Seven years ago, I spent a year in Arizona and Mexico, staying with relatives. I met these amazing young people living on the streets, supporting themselves by stringing beads and playing the flute. They had nothing. and I really respected their values. They were happy even

though they had nothing.
Through them, I met what: I call the First Nation people of Huichol people. They've become my major project. because their culture is in danger of extinction. I lived with them, learnt from them, got inspired by their pottery, their vulnerability. They're being bulklozed out of their lands. Now I want to do whatever's possible to save them to help them survive the modern world.

Huichoi tribes. I'm not on some whim, it's not as though-I'm going through this week's craze. People might have a certain picture of me because of my name, would not imag-ine some of the heavy situa-tions I got out of in Mexico. Lord knows how I made it out: in one piece. I guess I owe my common sense to my parents. They're the people who put ma on the right road, otherwise I could have ended up in God

knows where. "I mean, in Mexico it wasn't a case of ringing my parents and asking for an air ticket. I know people find-that hard to believe, but I made it through without once, picking up a phone and asking my folks to

relo me out." Clearly. Heather has inherited Linda's evangelistic fervour. Hunting through a flowery cotton bag, she an nounces she wants to read from the journal she kept during her Mexican travels. "Won't take long," she insists. "I just want you to hear. some of the things I wrote down. This will explain my

interest in pagan ways and nature's cycles. Caring desperately that I honour her discovery of these native Americans, and her leans across to plead: "They are my project. Do you under-stand? They're standing on the edge of extinction and it's something I found out on my own. It's what I did by myself. She pauses. "You listened to



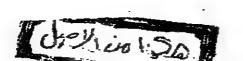
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'CJD could become a disaster of biblical proportions'

only 27 when she died eight months after showing the first signs of what could be newstyle Creutzfeldt-Jakob's dis-

The diagnosis is still to be confirmed: this can only be achieved with certainty after tests have been carried out on brain tissue, which has to be collected either at the postmortem or obtained by surgi-cal biopsy during life. Although the tests are compararively straightforward, any brain biopsy carries with it a risk and is not readily

undertaken. The relatively low number of cases of new-style CJD.

which is the type of the disease related to BSE in canle, have resulted in a great sense of relief. People are able, once more, to enjoy their T-bone steaks and ossobuco without fear that every mouthful could give them a disease that would leave them demented and

paralysed. At last the Government, British farmers and veterinarians have the BSE epidemic under control and the beefeaters are probably right that it is now safe to eat British beef, and beef products. It would, however, be wrong for doctors and the general public to discount the possibility of a major epidemic of new-style CJD. Nobody will know for many years, probably at least ten, how many people have been affected by eating infected beef. This is one of only several questions that time alone will answer.

Evidence has, however, been garnered from the epidemic of kuru, another form of CJD, which wreaked havoc in New Guinea as the result of cannibalism. Research in New Guinea showed that the incubation period was about 12 years. Even last year, one person died from kuru, although cannibalism has been outlawed for nearly 50 years.

In the new-style CJD found in Britain, the infecting prion would, unike in New Guinubea, have to cross the species barrier from cow to human. Evidence suggests that this would double the incubation period and we are therefore looking at an interval of 20 to 30

If anyone were in a position to supply the answer to the mysteries of BSE and CJD, it would be Professor John Collinge, Professor of Neurogenetics at Imperial College, London, and St Mary's Hospital, the Wellcome Research Fellow at St Mary's and a consultant neurologist to the hospital. St Mary's has the only specialist unit in the world investigating CJD. Pro-

lessor Collinge is in charge. Professor Collinge says: "I am now coming round to the view that doctors working in this field have to say what they think, even though this may give rise to anxieties which later turn out to be groundless. "We have a heavy weight of responsibility to warn, but we have to be aware that what we say may be scary and could do irremediable economic damage. But it can no longer be denied that it is possible, even

face an epidemic. "It is impossible to predict the size of the epidemic - it may only involve hundreds. but it could be Europe-wide and become a disaster of biblical proportions. We have to face the possibility of a disaster with tens of thousands of cases. We just don't know if this will happen, but what is certain is that we cannot afford to wait and see. We have to do something.

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right now. We have to find the answers, not only to the questions of the nature of the disease, but to find a way to develop an effective treatment. Fortunately, it seems that this could be possible. Therapy is not just around the corner but we know how to

target our research and, if it is

given priority, we might have a treatment within ten years. Everybody has prion protein, it is a normal constituent of the brain. There are normal and abnormal forms of this protein: CID develops if there is an inter-reaction of the normal and abnormal prion protein. We need to develop a drug to prevent this interreaction and there is every



likelihood that we will be able

Among the clinical prob-lems to be solved is the degree of vulnerability in children. Are children at special risk and is their apparently short incubation period an indication of this increased hazard?

Nobody knows the answer. but it seems possible that because children's central neryous system is growing rapidly, they make more prion protein, and this may increase their sensitivity to the infecting

Professor Collinge eats beef himself, and is confident that most of the infected material in British beef has now been removed. In any event, at his age, he would already have been infected. "At the time when the BSE epidemic was at its height. I was a junior doctor and eating junk hospital foods. including burgers. The hospital, or other cooking, would not have destroyed any prions responsible for CJD, and as I must have then been confronted by them, it would be illogical to avoid beef now."

Professor Collinge has no children, but says that if he had, he would be chary about giving them beef or beef products. The official line is that there is no evidence that children are at special risk, but as he explains: "This only offers limited reassurance. It means that there is an absence

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Professor Collinge is relieved that central nervous system tissue is now removed from the food chain and is amazed that it was imported from countries with BSE so long

after it had been banned in Britain. "It was cass to avoid bovine brains, but to obtain the meat from around the spine, the cattle's vertebrae were crunched up and a pink paste of meat was produced. There was no sense in continuing to import beef products from countries in which BSE is now being diagnosed increasingly often."

t is not only the brain and the central nervous system that are rich sources of the BSE prion: research at St Mary's has confirmed that the lymphatic system also has an abundant supply of prions capable of causing CJD. The tonsils are part of the lymphatic system, and in an infected animal these, too, contain CID-producing prion pro-teins. There is now real concern in case there are numerous people incubating new-style CID, and if there are, whether their blood could carry the infective material. Tests are being devised to

One unsolved problem of BSE in cause is why the lymphatic tissue of the calf's small gut is infectious, long before either its spleen or brain is capable of transmitting BSE. Fortunately, calves' guts are now removed from the human food chain, and do not even go into the humblest

There are three distinct types of CJD. The inherited form accounts for 15 per cent of cases. This occurs all over the world. In Britain, there are now at least 30 families affected. It is inherited as an autosomal dominant characteristic, so that 50 per cent of those who have a parent who has the disease will develop the fullblown disease. This form usu-

ally strikes in the 40s and 50s. The second form of CJD is the most common. These are the sporadic cases, which are not inherited, although research ai St Mary's has found that there are genetic markers. showing whether a person is

conspiracy of silence in the search for a cure for CJD will cost lives.

says Dr Thomas Stuttaford

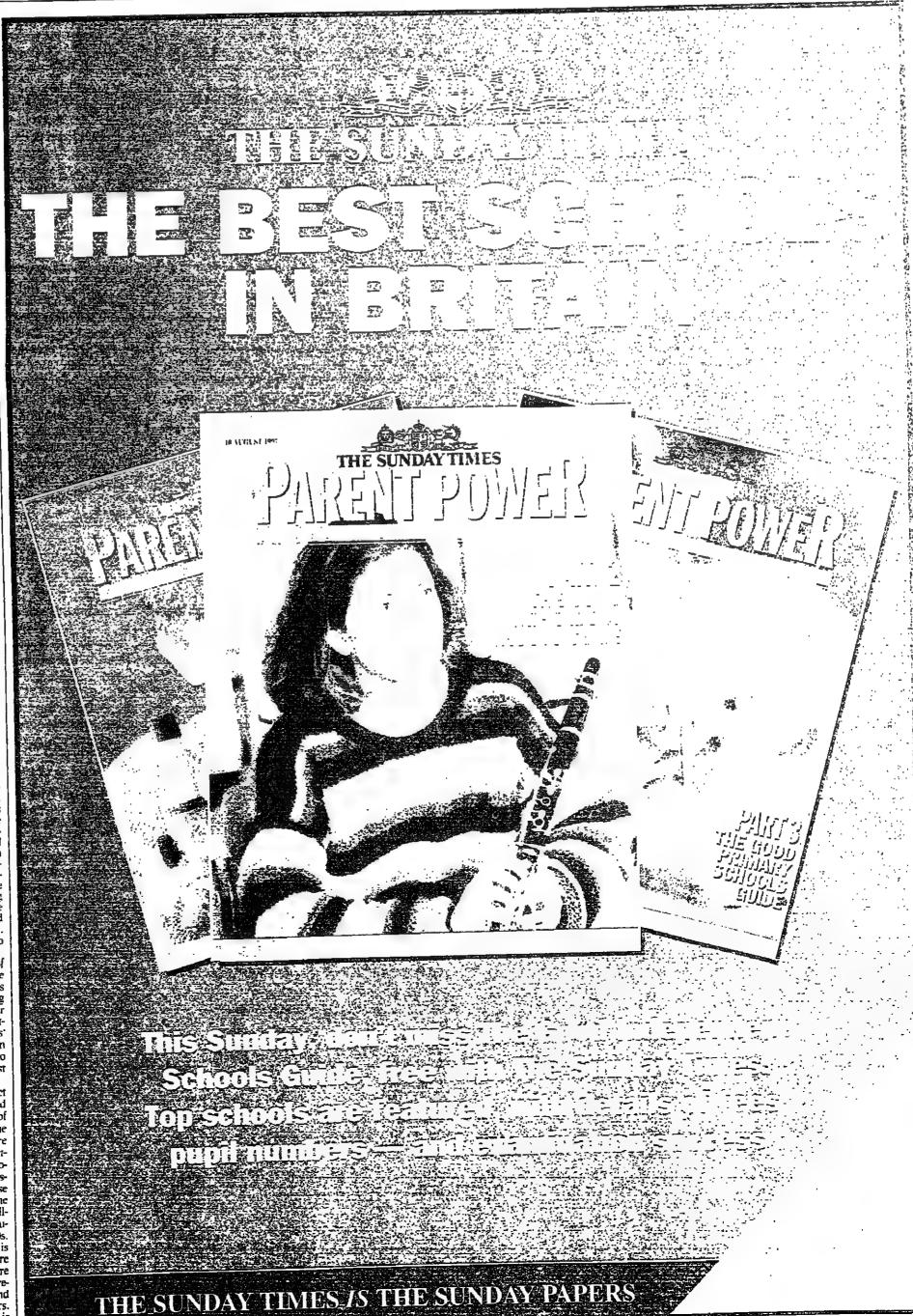
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Between a rock and a hard place

Michael Gove on the futility

of Ulster peace negotiations

posed to be uphill struggles. Those involved in the process accept the journey from the trenches to the sunlit uplands has its inevitable hazards and slippages. What they will not accept is that their struggle is Sisyphean.

Since the Seventies, British ministers in Ulster have shown no more signs of learning from experience than the Greek condemned forever to shove a boulder up the steepest of gradients, only to have it roll back just as the summit came within sight. In Northern Ireland the same policy is pushed again, and again, but after all the honest effort the thing collapses, bringing violence in its wake, and we are back where we started.

It is in that sense that Mo Mowlam's meeting with Gerry Adams yesterday was genu-inely historic. It was not a breakthrough to a new era. but an eerie reiteration of policies past - history was not made, but re-enacted. The twin follies to which both parties have subscribed still

bewitch today.
The first flawed presumption is that negotiations can conjure away differences. Successive Secretaries of State

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have tried to find a mythical "centre-ground" in Ulster by persuading peo les with irreconcilable goals that they can both be satisfied. If only the par-ties could be persuaded to talk, the Government im-Orbach dealing with a recalci-

sort this thing out. The second flawed presumption is that concessions to armed force can persuade those armed to stop using force. Minister after minister has shaped Government policy to meet Sinn Fein needs.

trant couple, then we could

The strategy is driven by the will be persuaded they can achieve more by talking than killing. But all this attention, and adaption of policy, for a party with the support of oneeighth of Ulster's adults only reinforces the impression that the most persuasive advocates are the ones with Armalites.

That the same policies should guide governments for nearly 30 years, in defiance of logic and with a settlement no nearer, is difficult to comprehend. What makes it difficult to forgive is that their failure was prophesied, and the reasons for the failure analysed, 22 years ago. T. E. Utley's Lessons of Ul-

ster, published in 1975 and reissued this month, is a brilliant survey of British Government policy towards Northern Ireland. For the reader, the freshness of Utley's prose is a treat, for the citizen the freshness of his argument

Utley realised a generation ago that no peace worth the name could be secured by attemping to broker a deal between two incompatible aspirations and no peace would come by trying to moderate extremists through granting them concessions. Long before Mo Mowlam became Ulster's

latest Sisyphus the province had a Sybil who could foresee her failure.

Peter Utley was one of the finest Tory polemicists of the Seventies and Eighties. His rigour in thought was matched by an elegance of expression and generosity of manner which won him admirers in politics, but sadly not the influence over its course which was his due. His journalism was produced not only in defiance of Establishment opposition but also his own blindness, both of which he bore with stoical grace.

Writing in The Times in 1988, shortly before his death, Utley addressed himself to the Pollyannas and Panglosses who had chided him for his negativism, the men who still ask that we should indulge their pretensions and "give peace a chance".

"During all these years, I and others like me have been very discouraging to all initiatives and I have continually been told I am a cynic who should give them 'a fair chance', and that in spite of the fact I believed on all occasions that to give them such a chance would produce appalling consequences. The predict-

happened and. when I have presumptously pointed this out, I have been told I am judging with hindsight'. However, my shoul-ders, metaphorically speaking are broad, and it would seem a pity to inter-

rupt the rhythm of this dance." After another decade of dancing around the truth it is still just as difficult for critics to be out of step. It is as heretical now to question the assumptions of the peace process as it was then to doubt the wisdom of the latest constitutional "initiative".

t appears all the more L worst when Ulster enjoys a sort of peace thanks to the IRA ceasefire. But the last ceasefire was not a step on the road to an honourable settlement, simply a tactical suspension. The mugger, having administered a punch, asked for the wallet and when the fumbling went on for too long the blows started again. Why should we believe that this

time will be different? While it is a mercy that republican terrorists are not currently pursuing their murder campaign, there is still no reason to believe that the armed struggle will not be resumed if Sinn Fein does not get what it wants from talks. And what Sinn Fein wants the end of the Union - cannot be given by a Government committed to uphold the democratic wishes of the greater

number in Ulster. Perhaps one day a Government will bend all its efforts to defending that democratic majority's clearly expressed wishes and treat Northern Ireland as fully part of the United Kingdom. As Utley wrote, in 1975: "By bloody and unnecessary experiments almost all policy have been exhausted." And yet, exhausted, still they



Cricket's decline and fall

ixty years ago we used to go as a family in August to watch the cricket at Westonsuper-Mare. Quite often it rained: I can recall the feeling of growing despair as it became certain that the outing would have to be cancelled. In 1934 my father had bought a second-hand open green Lagonda, itself a Depression car which had been built in 1929 but sold to some Bristol merchant only in

We would put our belongings into the boot, including deckchairs in case all the chairs at the ground had been taken; we would carry a picnic lunch, mainly of ham sandwiches, and a Thermos flask of coffee. We would take out three pairs of family binoculars, one of them a German sniper's field-grey binoculars, a First World War souvenir, which gave a disturb-ingly sharp picture of a narrowly focused scene. My father used to wear a Panama hat; my sisters and I vone children's soft white sunha such as have recently become fashionable for some Australian slip fielders.

The Somerset county cricket team in those years before the war was a very fair county side; it usually ended in the middle of the championship, and had some England players including J.C. Farmer White. whose slow bowling puzzled the Australians. He took 13 wickets for 250 runs in 124.5 overs in the Adelaide Test of February, 1929; Wally Hammond made a century in each innings, but all of us Somerset supporters believed that it was J.C. White who had won the match. Somerset in the 1930s had the medium-fast bowling pair of Arthur Wellard and Bill Andrews, and that forceful but melancholy young bats-man Harold Gimblett; his highest score for England was only 67 not out but he broke county records with some frequency, both for speed of

scoring and for high scores.
Gimblett was a cricketer of moods: as an opening batsman he would sometimes plod about gloomily for a quarter of an hour until there was an inevitable snick to the slips or the wicket-keeper but sometimes he would hook the first ball for six and play the first over as though he had

already made a century or more. We saw great batsmen from other counties and other countries playing against Somerset. I saw Hammond make more than one century at the

If the Roman Empire failed its final test, what chance has Lord's?

shire usually won the local derby. I saw Paynter and Washbrook put on an 100 opening partnership, proba-bly before lunch, at Weston itself. I saw Donald Bradman make a double century at Taunton. I shall always be grateful to the Somerset players of those years, who are now almost all dead, for filling a child's memory and imagination with such vivid play. I can still see the scene when Kent's Frank Woolley was bowling to Arthur Wellard at Wells; Wellard, for the second time in his career, hit five sixes in an over and was dropped on

the boundary off the last ball.
is it the same nowadays? Up to a point, it probably is. I'm sure that 10go back home after one-day matches thrilled by the run chase at the end. It

is extraordinary how often in limited-over cricket the was the year of the first Test match game does end with a couple of overs left, eight wickets down and 15 runs to get. That, at least as far as excitement is concerned, is the perfect end to a game, and it is one which the fourday match very seldom produces.

Yet in other ways cricket is not the same. In the 1930s there was no television; one saw cricket live or one did not see it at all. There were radio broadcasts of Test matches, given by Howard Marshall for the BBC when the Test matches were in England, and by an anonymous Australian commentator on Radio Luxembourg when they were in Australia. As children, we used to get up early to listen to the last hour of the Australian series of 1936-37, when England won the first two Tests but Australia won the last three and took the Ashes. These broadcasts were sponsored by a cigarente company. Their jingle was: "Mine's a Minor, the ten smoke for intelligent folk, oh why won't you try one of mine?"

No television, no helmets, no hodyline bowling after Douglas Jardine's disgraceful Australian tour of 1932-33, no sledging, no white noses, no one-day matches, no covered pitches, far more opportunity for slow bowlers in first-class cricket;

between the county cricket of the 1930s and county cricket now. There, were also the amateurs, many of them schoolmasters who were available to play county cricket only in August. Another difference was that grounds were full. Certainly at the Weston festival, one could not rely on getting a seat unless one turned up at least half an hour before the match. and the same was true at Taunton. Now the grounds are often full for the one-day game, but are more often half or almost wholly empty for four-

day county matches.

What we did not realise in the 1930s was how brief the classic period of English cricket would prove to be. one tries to push the starting point of this

classic period, one

cannot really date it

before 1880. That played in England, at the Oval, and the first Test appearance of W.G. Grace, who scored 152 in England's first innings. The year 1890 is not all that long ago: in terms of British experience it belongs to modern

Lord MacLaurin's report which was published this week proposes a post-classical structure for English cricket. It is rightly based on the recognition that the classical period is over. Classical cricket has been killed by many of the different changes of modern life. The cricket of the 1990s no more resembles that of the 1950s than Parliament in the 1990s resembles Parliament in the 1950s. One can no more imagine Peter May wearing Disneyland pyjamas to caper about under the spotlights than one can imagine Winston Churchill, as Leader of the Opposition, wearing a baseball cap with his own name on it and plunging down a theme park

The modern age is in many ways preferable to the old. I do not myself feel nostalgic for the Nissen huts, buzz-bombs and occasional whale steaks of my adolescent years; but it was certainly different. The virtues of a long attention span, a scholarly approach to life and a sense of harmony are not high among the

values of our age.
No doubt Lord MacLaurin is right: If first-class cricket is to survive, it must attract a large audience. His scheme, with its emphasis on the oneday game and exciting play-offs; seems quite likely to do that. Newspapers themselves stay with a declining audience at their peril; the Morning Post was the leading newspaper for classified advertisements for butlers; the Daily Herald in its last years was the leading paper in which to run a baked-bean campaign directed at old age pensioners in the North East-where are they now? "Where's Troy and where's the Maypole in the Strand?" Cricket has to adapt to the new audience or die, and I do not want cricker to die - nor for that matter would I wish to see the demise of the Tory party, which faces rather

similar problems. Yet one-day matches, under floodlights or by daylight, in pyjamas or white flannels, is not the same as the classic game of cricket, and does not produce all the classic skills. One-day cricket is halfway to baseball, a very good game, but one of short-term movement aimed at excitement and quick results.

Pairt of the reason why Australia so often beats England in Test matches is no doubt that the Australian side is made up of Australians; they live more in the sun, are usually fitter and come from a more competitive culture. But part of the reason is that they have concentrated less on the limited skills of the one-day game. We nowadays usually do win the oneday matches, but they usually win the Test matches, and it is still the Ashes which have the prestige.

doubt if Lord MacLaurin's remedies can save the classic quality of English cricket, though rather think William Hague's may save the electoral future of the Tory party. Even to Mr Hague I would add a note of caution. Baseball caps are associated in the public mind mainly with Diana, Princess of Wales and Nick Leeson - it makes a mixed image and not necessarily an ideal one for British politics. Cricket is trying to find a post-classical balance, and that is always hard to achieve.

Edward Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire analyses the failure of Rome to find its stable post-classic synthesis. Where Rome has failed, why should we expect Lord's to succeed?

Included in September's pro-

gramme Discover The Lost Musicals is an old Cole Porter-Moss

Hart number called The Princess

Diana Musical, a satire on the Royal Family. The Queen's ambi-

tion is to perusade Johnny Weismuller, the swimmer turned

A town malice RVIVIII

Magnus Linklater

on the corruption of

a Labour heartland

ntil recently I did not know that you could still buy up local branch of the Labour Party by bribing new members join it. Nor, indeed, bad I ever hear of a party worker being forced make a political statement with a guar his head; or talked to a councillo who had spent the night croucher under his sofa because he thought b was about to be taken out by gangsters. But then, until recently, had never been to Paisley.

What is it about this once douc city, "famed alike for shawls and thread, for poverty and poets", in the words of a 19th-century rhymer, that has turned it into what the newspa pers now call "a town called malice" The sad death of Gordon McMaster MP for Paisley South, has lifted corner of a very grubby curtain. I reveals an aspect of modern politics which most of us thought had gone out with the rotten boroughs. And shows that for all Tony Blan reforms, there is a yawning gar between the ideals of new Labour and

the grim reality at its grassroots.

Mr McMaster's suicide note, now with the Whips' Office, accuses two colleagues of fuelling his despair and driving him to his death. Both deny the charges, but no one doubts that the whispering campaign of which he complained was the culmination of some poisonous feuds over many years in the constituencies of Paisley North and Renfrewshire West.

My own experience goes back to 1995, when Irene Adams, MP for Paisley North, decided to put down a series of questions about drug-dealing and violence in the city. There had been a horrendous catalogue of assaults, intimidation and murder in and around Paisley, largely as a result of two gangs warring with each

other over disputed territory. What concerned Mrs Adams and prompted her questions was the suggestion that some of their drug money was being laundered through a local job-creation scheme. It was funded both by Renfrew council and the Scottish Office, and it seemed possible that public money was being siphoned off by the underworld under the noses of local councillors. Mrs Adams and Mr McMaster who represented Paisley South — had worked closely with the police, and their inquiries had stirred up a hornets' nest among the gangsters One regional councillor told me he had been woken in the middle of the : night by a car driving up to his front door and shining its headlights straight into his bedroom. He was convinced he was going to be killed.

air-raising as some of this was, what struck me was the hostility and back-stabbing (encountered between different factions of the local Labour Party. Far from Mrs Adams wirning support from her colleagues for what seemed a principled cause, she was accused of using it merely to hang onto her seat. "She's posing as loan of Arc,"
sneered a rival, "while the rest of us
are made to look like gangsters."
Resentment went back to the way

she had won the nomination for Paisley North in the first place. A local branch secretary demanded that she be deselected, then recanted, saying he had made the statement only because someone had pointed a gun at his head in front of his 13-yearold daughter (his claim was never investigated). I beard evidence that local branches of the party had been taken over by the simple expedient buying up new members - with activists paying their dues, some-times on a single cheque, then using them to vote out existing office holders. On one occasion the new membership was said to have been been recruited en bloc from an old

people's home.
Three inquiries held by Strathclyde council failed to amass enough proof. and there seemed a reluctance to take matters any further. Worse, a Scottish Office report into the possible misuse of government money has still not been completed two years on Meanwhile, things have deteriorated. Last year, the emire Paisley Central Labour branch was be suspended after a local councillor put himself forward for election despite not being included on the candidates'. short-list. Now, after the McMaster, affair, yet another party inquiry has

been ordered. What seems to have happened under the long years of Labour control is this: in a former workingclass area trade union influence has declined and there are few skilled manual workers to provide local candidates. As a result, politicians of real ability are hard to find. Without strong organisations, unscrupulous activists have found it easy to take over branches by packing them with new members. Small cliques can wield real power, and they are difficult to dislodge. At the same time the Labour Party in Scotland has dragged its feet disgracefully, unwill-

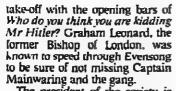
ing to rock the boat in one of its heartland areas. If Tony Blair is serious about cleaning up his party to Scodand, he has to take serious action in Paisley. The implications spread well beyond the boundaries of the city: who will want to stand for a brave new parliament in Edinburgh if they think that Labour politics is still begged down in closured. P.H.S that Labour politics is still box down in sleare and corruption?

Bristol ground, where Gloucesterthese were some of the differences Unable to subsist off the revenue

Don't panic

sode, Dad's Army is to be leted at the Oval cricket ground next April. The Dad's Army Appreciation manoguvres in the outfield, followed by lunch in the banqueting hall - brawn followed by Private Codfrey's sister Dolly's upside-

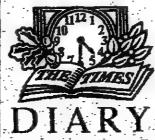
It is heart-warming news for all those whose Saturday evenings



The president of the society is Bill Pertwee - that awful man Hodges, the ARP warden. "It will be for the men and women of the appreciation society first and fore-



Captain Mainwaring and Dad's Army prepare for a party



most," says Pertwee of his planned fiesta. "though we may invite one or two high-ranking Army personages. The Services go potty over it."
The writers of the show. Jimmy Perry and David Croft, will attend. Cast members expected include Clive Dunn, the panicky Cpl Jones. who now runs a B&B in Portugal. the Reverend Frank Williams, the vicar, now a lay preacher, lan Lavender, Pike, and Colin Bean. Private Sponge, who despite having only five lines in the entire

aficionados A moving moment will be the toast to Tadge Muldoon, the for-mer editor of the DAAS newsletter and Yorkshire skip-hire magnate, entire scripts from the show. He died three years ago, crushed by one of his own skips and would hate to be missing the party.

series is a favourite among

from their sporadic television ap-pearances, Neil and Christine Hamilton have been forced to cancel their newspaper subscriptions. "Neil's taken to reading them off the shelves in our local newsagent." says Mrs Hamilton. but we always welcome copies of pesterday's papers from neigh-bours. Anyone with old newspapers to spare should send them to Neil and Christine Hamilton Battersea, South London.

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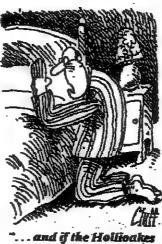
THERE is unrest in the potting-shed as Classic FM blows the whistle on Gardener's Forum, its answer to the BBC's Gardener's Question Time. In 1994, the commercial station took an elephant gun to the BBC by poaching its three GQT stars, Dr Stefan Buzzeki, Sue Phillips and Fred Downham. The last Forum, however, is to be recorded at the National Amateur Gardening Show, in Shepton Mallet on September 6.

The problem, it seems, is cost, The Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society paid £400,000 to nurse the show through its early years. That sponsorship has now finished and Classic FM can no longer afford costly outside broadcasts from remote village halls,

Only the intervention of a local seed manufacturer saved the last broadcast. A cheaper phone in pro-gramme may replace it.

There is a nasty whiff of Schadenfreude at the BBC. Trevor Taylor, the producer of Gardener's Question Time says: "Programmes, like plants, only do well when they are firmly rooted. GQT is 50 years old this year and

 Down at the Barbican Centre, in London, a republican is at work.



can't save us, then please let the rain"

Tarzan, to teach her the breaststroke, while trying to keep her family popular with a restive populace. Princess Diana, her daughter in this case, longs for romance and a life outside the Royal circle.

Gun ho

ONE of the country's top grouse moors is coming to the market. West Stanhope Moor, Co Durham. is probably the finest moor to be sold since Earl Peel sold Gunnerside, his Yorkshire estate, to the duty-free billionaire Robert Miller in 1994. Syndicate members who use the estate include the North's finest shot, the Duke of Northumberland.

The ten-year average bag is 1,095 brace, with daily bags of 200 bags not uncommon. In 1991, some 3552 brace were shot in one day, enough to satisfy even those who like their birds flying thicker than the Persian king's javelins which blocked

a Labour head

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GERMAN GRIDLOCK

Kohl has never seemed less securely in control

taunt with which Theo Waigel Germany's Finance Minister, berated the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) this week for blocking his vaunted "tax reform of the cerifury"

new record of 4.396 million world be uncer-emoniously drummed out of office. It has home. Helmut Kohl's shoulders shook, but

he laughed with everything but his eyes.**. Herr Waigel's anger is understandable. Although the governing coalition will try yet again next month to cut a deal with the SPD, the package is almost certainly headed for the scrapheap, where it will moulder until after the September 1998 federal elections. The dispute has become a symbol of what: the Finance Minister calls the "self-paralysis" of the German political system.

The point is that almost no German questions the urgency of overhauling the tax system, a regulatory jumble which encourages tax evasion, penalises investment, discourages potential employers and inflicts even on relatively modest earners top income taxes of 53 per cent. His plans for steep cuts in tax rates, financed by ending some of Germany's myriad tax loopholes and broadening the base, are on the right lines.

The SPD justifies its veto on the ground that it is unaffordable, with tax revenues sagging as dole queues continue to grow, Herr Waigel's sums do not add up. But it is motivated by politics more than mathematics; inaction will, after all, mean more tax evasion and still higher unemployment and the SPD knows it. It also knows that for Herr Kohl, tax reform was his best hope of a the man of destiny; but at home, he has supply-side boost to the economy in time for never seemed less securely in charge.

In Britain, "Germany's inability to reform is his bid for a fifth term. The Chancellor has greeted with mockery. The vertice is not wowed to bound the SPD for this through that of a Tory renophobe this was the butter every German village. In previous years every German village. In previous years, that would have been a formidable threat. But it is a measure of the Chancellor's weakening political grip that instead of blaming the SPD, business and voters tend in the Bundesrat, the German parliament to cite this fiasco as one more proof that the ary upper house which they control.

From the SPD benches came the tart quarrelsome and incompetent. A third of the retort that any Social Democrat musical voters within his own Christian Democrat who, after 15 years in power, had gouged. Party say that the SPD's Gerhard Schnöder unphuggable holes in the nation; impaces would make a better Chancellor.

Herr Kohl has recovered from previous new record of 4.396 millionisms.

bouts of unpopularity; but he is vulnerable to the SPD charge that after 15 years in power, a Government that complains about Germany's lack of reform should look in the mirror. The truth increasingly recognised is that Herr Kohl is part of the problem. because Germany's postwar "social market" model fits him like a comfortable old glove. While the immediate cause of Germany's economic difficulties is unification - still costing around £44 billion a year - well before 1990, the engine of Rhenish capitalism was already sputtering.

Herr Kohl promised Germans less govemment when he was first elected in 1982. He has done too little, too late. State subsidies are still independently estimated at £100 billion a year, privatisation and deregulation is only now being tackled and Herr Kohl has done no more than tinker with a social security system that adds an unaffordable 41.7 per cent to labour costs. His grand obsession, European monetary union, is at odds with Germany's present mood. Germany missed out on what should have been its reforming agenda for the 1980s; has paid dearly in the 1990s and, although the recession may be easing in the western Lander, ends the 20th century less certain of itself than at any time since Weimar. In Europe, Herr Kohl still plays

THE GAP TRAP

Deferred entry students deserve some sympathy

There are few more familiar features of erally initiate their own tuition charges. August in this country than examination Although Mr Blunkett took the least bad results and the subsequent annual struggle for university admission. Those who have fallen short of their required A-level marks and others who have surfassed their initial." expectations enter that mysterious market known as the clearing process. Despite regular threats of chaos and collapse this students with courses. The strain may be rather more intense on this occasion.

As we have reported over the past two days, the emergence of "the gap trap" may lead to record numbers of qualified applicants chasing a limited supply of places. The trap is a consequence of Sir Ron Dearing's report and decisions taken by David Blunkett. The Government's announcement. that it would introduce income related tuition fees and abolish the remaining. maintenance grant from October 1998 has a special impact on up to 26,000 prospective students. They applied for deferred entry well before the Dearing report was issued or Mr Blunkett spoke but now find themselves. inside the new system. Large numbers have decided to seek a slot in October 1997 almost regardless of course or campus. This may swamp the fragile clearing mechanism.

While most observers had assumed that there would be a radical alteration in student finance they had also thought such a shift would not start until 1999. Had that been the case then the trap would not have materialised. The Education Secretary decided that the crisis in Britain's universities was so intense that 12 months' delay was impractical. His department knew that if the Government did not act, large numbers of cash-strapped institutions would unilatdecision it still leaves thousands of students

in an invidious situation. They applied were offered, and then accepted conditional places expecting one set of funding rules and have found themselves faced with another. It would be a distortion of the clearing procedure — which is primarily designed for those left without places if these belated applicants removed others from higher education. It would also seem a breach of natural justice - and possibly of statute law - if those who sought deferred entry in 1998 were to suffer financial penalty.

It is especially unfortunate that the effect should be felt by those who chose to take a 12-month break between school and university. Tutorial opinion has swung strongly to the view that, provided the time is used in a stimulating fashion, the year out has considerable educational value. In the future larger numbers may well take up this option, not least to raise money to support themselves during their study. It would be a poor precedent if deferred entry carried the risk of

eing caught by a switch in Whitehall policy. Mr Blunkett should consider compromise rather than risk chaos during clearing this month and then confrontation in the courts afterwards. The total numbers affected are rather small compared with the entire university intake. The Government should retain the previous funding arrangements for these students if they start their course in 1998 as scheduled. This will, admittedly, create another anomaly. Transitions by their very nature involve some inconsistencies. But it would be unwise for Mr Blunkett's brave new world to start with an act that will strike most people as at odds with basic fairness.

SOUR GRAPES

There is no excuse for the appalling quality of wine in pubs

Age has not improved the wine sold in one of the world's most open markets, a Britain's public houses. Ten years ago Which? magazine investigated pub wine and found that far too much was unpleasant and overpriced; a decade later it is just as undrinkable, and the palates of tasting inspectors were so offended that they spat out their criticism as fast as the plonk that

they were served. Beer is the staple of British inns, and for generations pints of the foaming liquor quenched the thirst of country yokels and urban workers alike In England, spirits were admitted later, as Scottish and Irish elixirs began to establish a fondness for whisky and whiskey; gin, too, became a fast route to inebriation - though the drink that once was consumed in Victorian gin palaces now boasts far better-heeled devotees among the yachting set and the home counties. But wine, with its dangerous associations of Continental morals, hedonistic abandon and rampant snobbery, was never welcome. Men who were men did not drink wine; their wives, if admitted, might be allowed, perhaps, a glass of port. But publicans. lugging beer barrels from dray to cellar, had neither time nor patience to quibble about vintages. The Chardonnay and Firkin has

never caught on as an inn sign.
But mine host is, for once, unusually out of step with the regulars. Britons have started drinking wine in enormous quantities. With

supermarket explosion in New World offerings and a holiday culture largely dependent on quantities of Rioja, it is not only city sophisticates and fevered poets who long for a "beaker full of the warm south". A glass of white wine is increasingly part of the pub round. And those pubs that aspire to stardom in gourmet guides find that as demand for home cooking rises, so too does the desire for an elegant glass of Pouilly Fumé or some nice Australian Shiraz.

It is at this moment that a pub's reputation is dashed. For however good the onion soup or prawn sandwiches, the chances are that the white wine will be warm and the red sour. Nor will it be cheap. Puhs charge as much as restaurants for wine and their profit margins are enormous. There should be no difficulty is keeping wine chilled. Nor is ignorance any excuse. With the closure of dozens of local breweries, beer was in danger of becoming homogenised, and it took a spirited campaign by real ale devotees to bring back the hand-pulled, hop-rich pint. The problem, it seems, is that landlords are still tied to their suppliers, and the breweries have an age-old distrust of the grape. Only a few - the award-winning Adnams of East Anglia being a conspicuous example - take pride in both beer and wine. A drinker is illadvised to attempt both of an evening; but he should have a proper choice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Army promotion and public schools

From Major-General P. M. Davies

Sir. Major Eric Joyce treport and photograph. August 4) is guilty of a sophism by interring in his Fabian Society pamphlet that "blatant social selection" prevails in the Army's commissioned hierarchy.

Like the majority of my postwar contemporaries who joined the Army as a vocation. I was subjected to a vig-orous and testing selection process over 30 years to achieve senior rank, viz, as a National Service private soldier (1980), Unit Selection Board, War Office Selection Board, Officer Cadet Training Unit, Regular Com-missions Board — all prior to entry to Sandhurst; by examination for promotion to captain and again to the Staff College: by examination for pro-motion to major and then to the National Defence College; and by selection board for entry to the Royal College of Defence Studies.

At no time in 30 years climbing the ladder was my school. Charterhouse, a rung, I believe. Of real importance, and subject to annual recorded assess ment, was command and leadership potential, coupled with experience in operational theatres.

I fully support the present and widely used system of commissioning NCOs based on their ability, experience and potential: their contribution

Let there he no doubt, however, that the very highest ranks in the Army, which I did not achieve, are reached competitively only by those officers of superlative merit, competence and experience. To suggest that they are just posh is sheer tosh.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP DAVIES, Vine Cottage, Fonthill Gifford, Tisbury, Wiltshire. August S.

From Captain Nigel Vinson (retd)

Sir, I believe it is eminently sensible, as suggested by Major Joyce, that Army officer and soldier recruiting be merged - until one considers the competing requirements.

Soldiers, while certainly encouraged to show a degree of initiative. should expect to be led by their senior commissioned and non-commis-sioned officers. Officers are required to be more flexible, determined and have a practical intellect, irrespective of the pressures placed upon them, whilst also maintaining a level of humanity so vital on peacekeeping missions. In short, they must lead by example, striking a balance between the application of reason, persuasion and, if absolutely necessary, force in order to achieve their goals.

Consequently, many officers such as myself (1991-97) attain a graduatelevel entry into the Army and came through the state school system. Some were former soldiers, having displayed the necessary qualities whilst in the ranks; others proved themselves canable by succeeding during the year-long training course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Irrespective, many soldiers make excellent corporals and sergeants, with a firm grip on discipline and an uncanny ability to predict the next order and "get things done". Among these a few will attain a commission. yet not necessarily rise to the highest ranks. Why? Not because the Army does not recognise their experience of potential, or because of snobbery, but because each officer must reach a certain rank by a certain age bracket. Join the Army late, at 25-plus, or "lose" time as a soldier, and the key burdles to the attainment of higher rank cannot easily be overcome.

Ultimately the Army must possess a clearly defined hierarchy - the necessities of combat demand as much -but a more flexible attitude towards age and experience would more easily assist the passage of suitable soldiers into the officer structure and on to higher rank.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL VINSON (Duke of Westminster Research Fellow). Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall, SWL

From Mrs Fiona Chapman

Sir, My grandfather, Sir William Robertson, rose from private (1877) to field marshal (1919) in the British Army, when the class divides were COOTTOOUS.

I believe that talent will make it through now more easily than it did in my grandfather's day.

FIONA CHAPMAN. 23 Church End, Milton Bryan, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. August 5.

From Captain David E. A. Michael

Sir. Has nobody yet told Major Eric Joyce that for very sound military reasons leaders have tended always to come from the "teeth arms" and that the best breeding ground for such is the public-school system?

Democratic socialism never has worked and never will. Major Joyce should stick to his rations and leave politics out of the Army.

Yours faithfully, D. E. A. MICHAEL 68 Cheyne Court, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3. August 5.

Local and global impact of increase in organic farming

From Mr Craig Sams

Sir, Michael Hornsby's report of July 29 on Britain's abysmal incentives to organic farmers included the usual superficial price comparison of organic food versus conventional pro-

The real cost of conventional food is not found on the supermarket till receipt but is hidden in water bills, tax bills and healthcare costs. One billion pounds have been invested by water companies in clean-up equipment, along with an angual \$121 million water-deaning cost to remove pesticides and nitrates from water, so that it can meet EU minimum standards. The snaring level of food poisoning, with 93,000 reported cases in 1996

compared to 19,000 in 1985, is a cost to the National Health Service, not to the purchaser of factory-farmed meat. The common agricultural policy costs every UK household £20 per week. In 1983 organic farmers barmed the feeding practices that led to BSE, a cost to the nation most recently estimated at £4 billion, and still rising.

Poisoning by pesticides is an occupational hazard for farm workers, particularly those who handle sheep dip. The NHS picks up the treatment cost, but the real cost is the waste of human potential. Genetic engineering of food, an attempt to industrialise the fundamental processes of nature, holds risks that only experience will enable us to assess.

If all these costs were diverted to the supermarket bill then market forces would do the rest.

Yours sincerely. **CRAIG SAMS** (Chairman), Whole Earth Foods Ltd. 269 Portobello Road, WII.

From the Chief Executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Sir. The RSPB has long argued that farmers should be supported for environmental, not production reasons. Increasing funding for organic farming would be one certain way of ensuring this is the case.

Many farmland birds such as the skylark and grey partridge have undergone drastic declines over the past 25 years, as have a wide range of invertebrates and plants. Research shows that organic farms are favoured by these birds and greater numbers can be found feeding and nesting there than on conventional

Not all farmers will wish to or be able to become organic. However, many of the principles underlying organic farming could be applied more widely to UK farming, with the accompanying benefits to wildlife.

farms.

Increasing payments to farmers to help them through the conversion period is one way to increase the number of organic farms in the UK.

The RSPB believes the lack of ongoing maintenance payments. which are already enjoyed by many other European countries and are funded through EU environment regulations, is a clear disincentive to many. Such annual payments are justified on the grounds that they reward farmery for the environmental goods they deliver.

If the Government is serious about its review of organic farming, it should set an ambitious target to increase the amount of land farmed organically in the UK to 5 per cent within the next five years.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA S. YOUNG, Chief Executive. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

From Mr R. P. Voelcker

Sir, It is difficult to follow the logic of those who call for greater support for organic farming. The product fills a niche market at higher prices, yet the organic farmer receives the same acreage and headage payments from the common agricultural policy as all other producers. Where cereals are grown yields may be 30 per cent less, but inputs are less and the sale price is

World cereal consumption is rising and set-aside will soon be a thing of the past. In a world context a policy of encouraging organic farming would need to be balanced by bringing more land somewhere into cultivation, greater vields from existing land, or a reduction in the population.

One must never forget that the scientific research that has led to high yields from existing land is the factor that has so far allowed the game reserves and the rain forests to escape human cultivation.

Yours faithfully. R. P. VOELCKER. Avils Farm. Lower Stanton St Quintin, Nr Chippenham, Wiltshire. July 30.

From Mr A. D. Harris

Sir, It may be that organic food tastes better, and that organic farms are more friendly to wildlife. But what is incontrovertible, according to the July issue of Scientific American magazine, is that if the use of artificial nitrogenous fertilisers were stopped worldwide, two billion of the world's total population of six billion would

Those able to afford it are welcome to choose to spend their money on expensive organic food, but it is difficult to understand why the Government wants to spend more taxpayers' money encouraging a method of farming that, if applied globally, would result in mass starvation.

Yours sincerely. A. D. HARRIS, 10 Evertons Close. Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Plight of detainees

From Dr M. Louise Pirouet

Sir. Mrs Annie Anderson (letter. August 1; see also letter, July 29) rightly holds that asylum-seekers should not be held in criminal prisons. To do so is contrary to the guidelines of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, which state that, if for some exceptional reason an asylum-seeker has to be detained, then he should not be held with "common criminals".

But most asylum-seekers should not be detained at all. On July 17 this year the UNHCR's representative in the United Kingdom, Mr Philippe Lavanchy, stated in a speech that almost 900 asylum-seekers were then being detained in this country. He went on: The thousands of asylum-seekers so incarcerated in recent years — 11,089 in 1996 and 11,060 in 1995, thereupon subverting the claim that the use of detention is "carefully targeted" and used only as a "last resort" included many individuals who have later been recognised as refugees and granted asylum by the Home Office. The systematic use of detention in asylum cases is contrary to fundamental principles of international protection and human rights

Surely it is time that the new Government acted decisively to cut back on the practice whereby a fairly junior immigration official can detain asylum-seekers without charge or trial for an unlimited length of time.

Yours faithfully. M. LOUISE PIROUET (Co-ordinator, Charter 87 for Refugees), 8 Geldart Street, Cambridge. August 1.

Editor's decision

From the Editor of The Spectator

Sir, Your diarist, The Listener, claims

(Media and Marketing, August 6) that

I lacked the "courage" to print an article by Mr Alan Rusbridger, The Guardian editor, replying to Mr Paul

Johnson's adverse criticism of him in

The Spectator in the Jonathan Aitken

matter. The Listener adds that "on

reading the copy — which included references to Johnson's wife. Mari-

gold - the Editor decided it was too

cruel for his magazine". I read no such copy. Mr Rusbridger did not send me his article. I originally

said he could write a piece replying to

Mr Johnson. But that was before he

devoted a Guardian leader to doing

so. Since he had an entire newspaper

in which to defend himself, that by

now it was August (when Spectator

space is tight), and I thought my

readers could only accept a certain

amount of space being devoted to this subject. I offered Mr Rusbridger a

lengthy letter rather than an article

He replied that he would think about

it. So far he has not sent it: perhaps

understandably, since he would pre-

fer an article.

If The Listener's implication is that

Mr Rusbridger would have been cruel

about Mrs Marigold Johnson, as well

as Mr Paul Johnson, I do not believe

it, His dispute is with Mr Johnson, not

Mrs Johnson. I remain happy to pub-lish a lengthy letter from Mr Rus-

bridger, without a footnote in reply

Sir, I see from your science editor's

report today that eating rice pudding

is more likely than passive smoking to

produce lung cancer. I don't eat it

myself, but what are my chances if I'm

regularly in the same room as rice-

55 Heathlands, Swaffham, Norfolk.

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from Mr Johnson.

FRANK JOHNSON.

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Hidden menace

From Mr John Clarke

pudding carers?

Yours faithfully,

JOHN CLARKE,

August 6.

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Yours faithfully,

August 5.

Rockall fisheries

From Commander M. B. F. Ranken Sir. Your report of July 23, "Britain is ready to give up Rockall", is based on a. faise premise. Rockall cannot sus-tain human habitation or economic life. Under the UN Law of the Sea Convention 1982, which comes into force in three weeks' time, it is therefore not entitled to an exclusive economic zone or continental shelf, but

does retain a 12-nautical-mile terri-

torial sea and contiguous zone. No country has recognised the UK's claim to the 200-nautical-mile limits around Rockall, enacted to reinforce our annexation of the rock in 1955. Neither our fishermen (nor others entitled within the European Union) have been deterred from fishing there; nor should they be now, once we abandon the 60,000 square-nauticalmile segment to the west of Rockall. It remains to be seen whether many new entrants are attracted to this area by the rock's partial reversion to the high

Mineral rights on and below Rockall will remain unaffected. Indeed, as redefined under Article 76 of the Convention, the UK's continental shelf will extend further, "throughout the natural prolongation of its land territory to the outer edge of the continental margin". Rockall, within that prolongation, makes no differ-

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL RANKEN (Secretary. The Parliamentary Maritime Group). 44 Castelnau Mansions Castelnau, Barnes, SW13. August 4.

Common language From Mr Gwyn Hughes Clark

Sir, I predict that if we get our assembly. Welsh speakers will address it in Welsh, and English speakers will need instantaneous translation. Welsh speakers will demand equal treatment for their language. Thus, a body of which every member shares a common language will be split by an

uncommon one. Then, without the Anglo-Saxon to blame for everything, we can go back to our happy past when all Walians detested each other.

Yours sincerely. GWYN HUGHES CLARK 20 Haven Way, Abergavenny, Gwent. prss3j3j@pop_prestel.co.uk

From Mr David C. A. Allberry

Sir, In the early 1930s when my father. C. R. C. Allberry, was a young don and a noted cricketer at Christ's College, Cambridge, he demonstrated a similar theory to that propounded by your correspondent, Mr David Lyne (letter, July 31). In a letter to my mother in 1984, Pro-

Tossed but not beaten

lessor Thomas Burrow, Emeritus Professor of Sanskrit at Oxford, wrote: I remember one occasion when to test the on to grass, even from a height, he threw one from the Second Court over the Fel-lows' Building into the college garden. This was a remarkable feat considering the height and width of that building. The egg did not break.

Yours faithfully, DAVID C. A. ALLBERRY, The White House, Spitalgate, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

August 1.

From Mr R. K. Day

Sir, Many years ago I taught my children the art of egg bouncing, so that they could augment their pocket money by relieving friends' fathers of loose change in bets. Unfortunately, the fathers, having had demonstrated a successful bounce, would invariably

with their debts unpaid. My preferred method is to throw the egg over the house, rather than vertically into the air. I, too, have several theories on what makes for a successful egg-bounce but my wife is unwilling to fund the research pro-

refuse to believe it and walk away

Yours faithfully. R. K. DAY, Crowsnest House, Crowsnest Lane. Comberbach, Cheshire.

From Mr Antony J. Goldman

Sir, I was fascinated to read of Mr Lyne's "present circle of friends" who witnessed his curious egg-throwing experiments. He lears that he will run out of fresh eggs before he finds out why they keep breaking when they hit the ground.

My own fear is that he will run out of friends before he runs out of eggs. Yours faithfully,

TONY GOLDMAN, Maltings, I Knoll Wood, Godalming, Surrey.

From Mr Philip Warner

Sir, The weather does not affect the egg throwing, as Mr Lyne seems to imply.

In Nigeria it worked in both the rainy and dry seasons. When we failed, we put it down to insufficient Star beer and corrected the problem.

Yours faithfully. PHILIP WARNER, Birch Wood House,

Cadnam, Southampton, Hampshire.

From Jack Burrows

Sir, I suggest, Mr Lyne, you boil your eggs before you throw them.

Yours sincerely, JACK BURROWS (aged 9), 81 Greenfield Road. Flitton, Bedfordshire. August 1.



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PALACE August 6: Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi) visited The Queen this

morning His Excellency Mr Love Mtesa and Mrs Mtesa were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the

Republic of Zambia in London.

The Governor and the Chief Minister of Montserrat were received by The Queen. His Excellency the Hon

William Crowe, Jr., and Mrs Crowe were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the United States of America to the Court of St James's.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will embark in HMY Britannia at Ports-mouth at 3.10 and will cruise in the Western Isles until August 17.

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, Outward Bound Trust, will visit the Outward Bound Centre, Uilswater, Cumbria,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Ayrton Paris, physician, Cambridge, 1785; Frederic William Farrar, writer of school stories. Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Bornbay, 1831: Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1868: Louis Leakey, archaeologist and anthropologist. Kabete, Kenya, 1903; Ralph Johnson Bunche, diplomat, Nobe! Peace laureate 1950, Detroit, 1904.

DEATHS: Robert Blake, parliamentarian and admiral, at sea off Plymouth, 1657; Caroline. Queen Consort of King George IV. London, 1821; Joseph Marie Jacquard, silk weaver, Oullins, France, 1834: Aleksandr Blok, Russian poet, 1921; Curbasion Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, 1925: Konstantin Stanislavsky, actor and co-founder of the Moscow Arts Theatre, Moscow, 1938, Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1913. Calcutta.

Parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of chairman, Young boys as chimney sweeps, 1840. ny's Brewery, 76.

The Right Rev David Bentley. Bishop of Gloucester, 62: Mr Greg Chappell, cricketer, 49: Mr Neil Clarke, former chairman, British Coal, 63: Profes-sor H.L. Elvin, former director, London University Institute of Education, 92; Mr Manhew Evans, chairman, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 56: Sir lan Fraser, former chairman, Lazard Brothers, 74; the Right Rev A.A.K. Graham, former Bishop of Newcastle, 68; Sir Paul Hawkins, former MP, 85: Mr J.H. Jackson, former company secretary, British Gas. 49: Mr Kenneth Kendall, broadcaster, 73; Sir Andrew Large, chairman. Securities and Investments Board, 55: Mr Owen Luder, president, Royal Institute of British Architects,

chairman, British Ports Association, 88: Dame Ella Macknight, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 93: Vice-Admiral Sir Hector MacLean, 89; Mr John H.S. Martin. senior partner. Knight Frank and Rutley, 52: Mr Peter Niven, jockey, 33: Mr Matthew Parris, former MP, author and Ross, broadcaster, 50; Mr Alexei Sayle, comedian, 45; Mr Philip Snow, author, 82; Mr Walter Swinburn, jockey. 36; Sir Richard Sykes, Chair-man and chief executive. Glaxo Wellcome, 55; Mr Aller Thomas, world wide creative director. J. Walter Thompson

Birthdays today

Mr A.G. McCrae, former

Tadashi Kawamata stands in front of his recycled version of the Serpentine Gallery made from materials salvaged from the original

A tortuous new life for the Serpentine Gallery

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Japan's leading avant-garde artists has constructed a skeletal wooden replica of the Serpentine Gallery, recycling doors and windows removed by workmen redeveloping the former 1930s teahouse in Kensington Gardens.

The installation, a ghostly structure playing with light and space that stands on the lawn outside the gallery, marks Tadashi Kawamata's first public exhibition in Britain. He has also created a variation on the theme at Annely Juda Fine Art in central London, disorientating visitors by placing some of the Serpentine's glass doors and windows horizontally to create a translucent structure. Although he does not usually show in commercial galleries, maquettes and studies for the installation will be for

The Serpentine noted: "Kawamata likes to work on building sites, allowing himself to be drawn into the cycle of demolition and construction part of a closed circuit of endless activity. His use of both new and recycled timber evokes the order of traditional Japanese architecture but his projects appear to be chaotic — as if struck by an earthquake and haphazardly rearranged."

building sites. Kawamata said yesterday: "It is the temporary nature that attracts me. The 'in-hetween', chang-ing time and functions. Life is temporary. That's a philosophy for me." He encourages visitors to walk round his replica gallery, contemplat-

The old windows and doors, salvaged from a building which became a gallery in 1970, are being replaced with identical new ones double-sealed to create an air-controlled environment. In 1996, the gallery - whose exhibitions have ranged from Andy Warhol to Damien Hirst — embarked on a major

facilities and environmental controls. It will reopen in November.

Kawamata, born in 1953, studied painting at Tokyo's National University of Fine Arts before turning to site-specific installations in the late 1970s. He has created projects worldwide, most recently for the Venice Biennale, and often interweaves wooden structures with existing buildings and their structures. buildings and their structures.

☐ The Serpentine show runs from tomorrow until September 7 while the exhibition at Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering Street, London, WI, runs from tomocrow until September 13.

Church news

The Rev Marion Barrett, Assistant Curate, St Mawgan w St Ervan and St Eval (Truro): to be Assistant Curate, St Breoke and Egloshayle (same

The Rev David Beal, Team Vicar, Darwen (Blackburn): to be Rector, Itchingfield w Slinford [Chichester].

The Rev Peter de la Poer St Andrew's (Coventry): to be Rector, Barby w Kilsby (Peterborough).

The Rev Ken Boyce, Rector, Fladbury, Wyre Piddle and Moor, and Priest-in-Charge, Cropthorne w Charlton (Worcester): to be also Rural Dean of Pershore (same

diocese). The Rev Colin Carter, Curate, Ripley (Derby): to be Team Vicar. Horsham Team Ministry (Chichester).

The Rev John Day, Warden, St Columbas Retreat House and Chaplain, St Peter's Community, Woking (Guildford): to be Team Vicar, Chipping Barnet w Arkley (St Albans). Canon Philip Dearden, Vicar, Altham St James w Clayton-le Moors (Blackburn): to be Vic-ar, Clitheroe St. Mary Maedalene (same diocese). The Rev Jeffrey Hopewell, Team Vicar, Syston Team Ministry (Leicester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Wymeswold and Prestwold w Hoton (same

Priest-in-Charge, Stowe and

The Rev Robert Jackson,

Assistant . Chaplain, Stowe School (Oxford): to be Chap-lain, Lord Wandsworth College (Winchester). The Rev Philip Jones, Curate, Horsham (Chichester): to be

Vicar, Southwater (same diocese). The Venerable Michael Middieton, Archdeacon of Swindon: to be Residentiary Canon

Westminster Abbey The Rev Peter Midwood, Vicar, Swaledale and Rural Dean of Richmond (Ripon): to be Rector, Romaldkirk w Laithkirk and continue as

Rural Dean of Richmond (same diocese). The Rev Henry Morris. Rector. Siddington w Preston (Gloucester): to be also Rural Dean of Cirencester (same.

diocese). The Rev Dr Jeni Parsons, Curate, Halesowen (Worces-

ter): to be Team Vicar, Worcester St Barnabas with special responsibility for Christchurch, Tolladine (same diocese). The Rev Pamela Peeling, Assistant Curate, Basildon, St Martin of Tours (Chelmsford):

to be Team Vicar, Grays. Thurrock (same diocese). The Rev Sue Phillipson-Masters, Assistant Curate, Uphill-(Bath & Wells): to be Assistant Curate, Nailsea Christ Church (same diocese). The Rev Stephen Pittis, Vicar. St Paul's, Woking (Guildford): to be Director of Faith Development (Winchester).

Forthcoming marriages relation and reverse description of the service of the ser

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bill Andrewes. of and Mrs Bill Andrews, of Lindridge, Worcestershire, and Erolly, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oliver Steel, of Winter Journe. Berkshire.

Or A.H. Castello-Cortes and Miss A.E.G. Carpen ar The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr P. Castello-Cortes, of Barnes, London, and Mrs T. Hope, of Cambridge, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B.G. Carpenter, of Shawford, Hamp-shire and Canonbury, London,

Mr PL Hales and Miss E.M. Wilson The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paddy Hales, of Cynened, Cardiff, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Brian Wilson, of Alfredston Place, Mr J. Rudnicki

nd Miss J.E. Howell The engagement is unnounced between Julian, son of the late Mr between Julian, son of the late Mr Marian Rudnicki and of Mrs Jean Rudnicki, of Gloucester, and Juliette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Flowell, of London. Mr S.C. Thomson and Miss S. Bouthron

and Miss S. Bounion
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs M. Thomson, c. Numberpe, Middlesbrough, and Sarah-Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Bonthron, of Whitehill,

Marriage Mr S.M. Buhner

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 2, 1997, at the Church of St Mary the Virgio, Great Milton, Oxfordshire, of Mr. Stephen M. Bulmer, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bulmer, of Woodsetts, Nottinghamshire, to Miss Joanna M. Shannon, daugher of Mr and Mrs John Simpnon, of Marylebone, London, and Great.

The bride, who was given in marriage by har father, was at-tended by Emms and Rebecca Barton and Harry Willis. Mr Milton and the honeymoon is

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Latest wills

The Hon Mrs Nesta Donne Fisher-Hoch, of Carmarthen. Dyfed, left estate valued at £1,282,461 net.

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Lady Darling of Limpley Stoke. Bath, left estate valued at £149.766 net -She left £100 to both Help the Aged Mary Marjorie Coverdale, of Elstead, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,056,605 net. Cecilia: Anna Mary Craw-shaw, of London WI, left estate valued at £1,359,627 net. Anton Michael Curtecks, of Godalming, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,473,908 net.

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By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent NEANDERTHAL children much the same rate. This is the next, Dr Skinner argues. and those of our own ancestors some 50,000 years ago rate, a study of their teeth has shown. The infants of our own

subspecies. Homo sapiens sapiens, seem to have been weaned on to solid food a year younger, however, with profound demographic consequences that may have hastened the extinction of the Neanderthais. Teeth often survive burial

for tens of millennia in better condition than bones, and Mark Skinner, of Simon Fraser University in Canada. has been able to measure the degree of wear caused by diet on 165 Neanderthal teeth from 28 individuals. He compared this with the data on 338 teeth from 54 of our own ancestors who lived between 40,000 and 10.000 years ago.

"Significant differences in attrition are few," he reports in the Journal of Archaeological Science, but those that do exist are found in the front deciduous (or baby) teeth, which in the anatomically-modern human (AMH) children "were markedly more worn" if the Render - MOD(EP) - 9/8/97 two sets of children matured at

DEATHS

not universally accepted: Dr Chris Stringer, of the Natural Neanderthal children developed faster, but Dr Skinner claims that this does not affect the outcome or implications of his study.

Archaeology

Do baby teeth hold the sharpest clue

to why Neanderthal man died out?

If the Neanderthal and AMH diets were similar in content and chewiness - a factor possibly affected by the invention of soups and stews in one direction, and by drying or smoking meat for storage in the other - then the greater degree of wear on the AMH children's teeth may well have been caused by longer exposure to solid food, in other words, by weaning earlier in life. The advent of dental attrition very likely signals the introduction of solid foods and initiation of weaning, abrupt

or gradual," Dr Skinner says. Removing a child from the breast hastens the resumption of ovulation, by suppressing production of the hormone projectin. This may have led to more frequent pregnancies in AMH females, which would in turn have favoured accelerated weaning of the current child to make room for

There is, on the other hand, no advantage to early weanearlier loosening of motherchild bonds, and dietary stress for the weaned infant are all deleterious effects, so that any acceleration should be regarded as unintentional. But such accidents have unforeseen consequences, and "profound demographic and social

changes ensue from reduced birth spacing," Dr Skinner Among the effects of this plausible mechanism are a rapid increase in AMH population and family size, leading to more efficient hunting units but also to more pressure on the resources of the Ice Age landscape.

A combination of more potent opposition and a reduction in prime foods and living spaces available to the Neanderthals could well have resulted in the fragmentation and eventual extinction of their society suggested by other recent research (The Times, January 2, 1997).

Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 24: 677-700.

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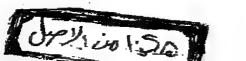
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BRIGADIER DENIS ESMONDE-WHITE

Brigadier Denis Esmonde-White, CBP, MC and Bar, formerly the Army's director of work study, died on July Il aged 81. He was born on June 20, 1916.

was while serving as a forward observation of ficer with artillery units in the Second World War that Denis Esmonde-White work his Military Crosses. In 10 In Eritres in the Horn of Ainca he braved heavy fire to reach his observation post and direct his battery's guns on to the Italian artillery, which was inflicting heavy losses on the

British infantry.
His second Military Cross was awarded three years later. in France, when he set up an observation post well in front w, of his own troops. From it, he guided the guns onto an advancing German column, until the leading enemy tank was less than fifty yards away. and his radio was smashed by a direct hit.

His commanding officer put his name forward for a VC, and the commendation was tuesed down only because these were so many similar acts of heroism and selfsacrifice at that time, as the Allies pushed forward across North-West Europe, Esmond-White went on to serve in the Far East, where he was mentioned in dispatches during the fighting in Burma.

But perhaps the greatest test of his courage came ten years after the war, when he was posted as military assistant to Montgomery, who in the mid-1950s was deputy supreme allied commander at Nato military headquarters in Versailles.

Esmonde-White had been warned that he would not get t' sjob, and that his name was in fact being put forward for interview just to make up numbers. With little to lose, therefore, he strode in to see the great man and boldly started to cross-question him about his command and appointments in the Western

To his amazement, Montgomery's reaction was simply to march him towards a wall map and begin a half-hour explanation of his more controversial decisions. At the endhe turned to his stimmed oneman audience and barked: o'clock sharp."



sake, Esmonde," (he never used the full surname) "can't you stop jumping up and down when I come in?" So Esmonde-White fitted a a button beneath his desk which would open the door automatically when he heard the familiar footsteps, while he continued to work, head

down, at his desk. Monty was They developed a great mu tual regard and respect, which continued for many years. Montgomery discovered that Esmonde-White's son shared

"Right, start on Monday, 9 his own birthday (November 17), and the two birthday boys complained: "For Heaven's He also insisted on taking the first look at the junior Esmonde-White's Eagle comic when it urrived at the office. Esmonde-White himself

prepared the maps for Montgomery's memoirs, receiving in return an inscribed copy acknowledging the author's indehtedness. But his greatest reward came in 1957, when, on leaving

the Field Marshal's office, he received a glowing report from the victor of El Alamein. His military assistant had proved a "high-class staff officer", it said, and merited immediate command of a guiner regiment to open the way to

Esmonde-White (whose first name was pronounced the French way) was born in a Normandy château belonging to an aunt and uncle. He spent his childhood and early schooldays in France, mostly at his uncle's apartment in Nice, where the family mingled with the cosmopolitan society of the Riviera. Esmonde-White's godmother was the morganatic widow of

murdered in 1882). He came to Britain to go to school at the Imperial Service College, from where he went on to the Royal Military Denis Carlo Basil Luke missioned into the Royal Artil- officer.

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lery in 1936, he passed out top of the young officers' course at Larkhill.

When he turned 21 the French Army sent him his callup papers. Only the intervention of the British consul in Rouen saved him from being branded a deserter.

He served for some years in India, where he developed a passion for polo. Returning there after the war he attended the staff college at Quetta. In 1952 he was commanding a battery in Kenya at the time that the young Princess Eliza-beth succeeded to the throne while en route to Australia with the Duke of Edinburgh. His battery fired the first official salute of the Queen's reign, and Esmonde-White had the first cartridge case made into an inkwell, which was then presented to her.

He commanded an antiaircraft regiment in the Isle of Wight after leaving Montgom-ery's staff, and this enabled him to indulge his other great sporting passion: sailing. The Royal Artillery's yacht, the St Barbara, was then berthed at

He rose to become deputy director of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich. Then in 1967 he began his last job, as the Army's director of work study responsible for advising units on how to increase

He retired in 1971, and spent much of the rest of his life on his own yachr, crossing the Channel 156 times and venturing as far as Spain. He took great pride in his election to the Royal Yacht Squadron.

He was a rall man, built somewhat larger than life, and a highly articulate professional, never afraid of telling his superiors what he thought. This may have been why he did not advance quite so far in the Army as had once seemed possible. He had a dry, irreverent sense of humour, and it was said that young subordinates who took their problems to him always came away laughing — their burdens lightened at least temporarily. He met his wife Pat in Egypt

in 1941. She was running the International Girl Guides unit there and asked the local regimental commander to send along a young officer to test them in map reading. The commanding officer dis-patched Esmonde-White, and they were married within six days. She survives him togethith their son, also an army

CHUCK WAYNE



Chuck Wayne (right) with Barbara Carroll and Clyde Lombardi

Chuck Wayne. American jazz guitarist, died in ackson. New Jersey, on July 29 aged 74. He was born in New York on February 27, 1923.

CHUCK WAYNE was one of a handful of talented guitarists who helped to define a new role for their instrument at a crucial time in the history of

jazz. Until the bebop revolution of the 1940s, the guitar had tended to be restricted to a predominantly rhythmic function, in both large and small jazz groups, with soloists emphasising the instrument's chordal possibilities. As the 1940s dawned, however, and following the experiments in amplification which had been pioneered by Eddie Durham and Charlie Christian, guitarists became able to emulate the solo melody lines of saxophonists or trumpeters by playing amplified sequences of single notes.

Wayne was among the pioneers of this new style, contributing to influential recordings by Sarah Vaughan and Dizzy Gillespie in 1941-45, and demonstrating that the guitar had an entirely different voice in 1940s jazz from what had gone before.

Wayne was born Charles Jagelka, into a Czech immi- before Wayne accepted the years.

grant family, and his first instruments were the balalai-ka and mandolin of his European heritage. He became a talented player of most instruments of this type, even at one point recording an album on the banjo.

The guitar was the logical choice of instrument when he decided to play jazz, and he soon found work with small groups led by Clarence Profit and Nat Jaffe. Like so many

other New Yorkers, he gravitated to 52nd Street, where numerous jazz clubs offered plenty of work, and he ended up playing in the group at the Hickory House led by the traditional clarinetist Joe Marsala. However, Marsala was also open to new ideas in jazz (once hiring Dizzy Gillespie for a recording), and Wayne was able to absorb the new language of beloop during the time he spent on The Street" from 1944 to 1946.

At the prompting of the British critic Leonard Feather, he took part in one of Sarah Vaughan's earliest recording dates, and soon afterwards played in Dizzy Gillespie's sextet for the definitive records Blue 'n Boogie and Groovin'

High.
This was followed by a period playing with Phil Moore at the Café Society, invitation to replace Billy Bauer in Woody Herman's big hand, In this band, Wayne contributed to many now famous recording sessions, among them Ralph Burns's Summer

Sequence and Early Autumn. After leaving Herman's hand. Wayne led his own group for a while, until Leon-ard Feather introduced him to the pianist George Shearing. Shearing had just split up from the clarinettist Buddy De Francu, and Feather suggested that he hire Wayne and the vibraphonist Marge Hyams to create a new sound. The results were immensely successful, and the association lasted from 1949 to 1952, in what became Shearing's bestknown quintet.

Thereafter, Wayne went on to balance lucrative studio and television work on the Carol Burnett and Ed Sullivan shows, with jazz and caba ret engagements where he played alongside the likes of Frank Sinatra. Tony Bennett and Barbra Streisand. He was a member of the CBS music staff in the 1960s and 1970s. and also appeared in the pit bands for a number of Broadway shows, as well as both composing and playing on a number of film soundtracks. Iliness prevented him continuing an active career in recent

Louis Cohen, physicist. died on July 28 aged 71. He was born on October 14, 1925.

THE British community of physicists owes an enormous debt to Dr Louis Cohen, who was executive secretary of the Institute of Physics for 24 years. During this period, the institute was seen by physicists as serving their needs and fighting their causes increasingly well. Institute membership rose by more than a half within six years of this appointment to 1964. :: his appointment in 1966.

When Cohen came to the institute, he found that the merger a few years earlier of the Physical Society and the Institute of Physics, each with a long history and its own :

traditions, had led to some resentment. He worked hard during his first years to make the new body successful, and gradually his personality and perseverance won over almost all of the members. By 1970, the institute was in a position to seek and subsequently obtain a Royal Charter.

Louis Cohen had just taken up his post when a most embarrassing incident occurred. The institute's council, during the interregrum between execunive secretaries, had invited the Duke of Edinburgh to be-come an honorary fellow. It was only after the Duke accepted that it emerged that election to honorary fellowship required the agreement of the corporate members in a secret ballot. Unfortunally, this

agreement was not obtained and it fell to Louis Cohen to carry out the unenviable task of informing the Palace of the changed situation. Consequently, Cohen made sure that the institute's bylaws were changed to place responsi-bility for election to honorary

fellowship solely with council Cohen's management and negotiating skills, honed dur-ing his early career in industry, came to the fore in the 1970s, when the lease on the institute's premises in Bel-grave Square had only a decade or so to run. He negotiated successfully with the Grosvenor Estate for an extension of 75 years at most favourable terms. He knew that the estate had no wish to increase the number of embassies in the

square, were loath to lease premises to commercial enterprises, and would have been in difficulty finding another suitable tenant.

Cohen always emphasised the importance of education in physics at all levels, both as mental training and as a vocational education second to none. Under his leadership, the institute established a reputation for supporting physics teachers and bringing an awareness of physics to the general public,

During his tenure, the institute became a world-leading physics publisher. He oversaw the integration of publishing activities at a new centre in Bristol, and the establishment of the publishing division as a limited

company. In the years before his retirement, this publishing arm made an ever-greater contribution towards the promotion of other concerns.

LOUIS COHEN

Othen initiated many collaborative ventures. He played a leading role in the establishment of the European Physical Society. He served for many years on its executive committee and was honorary treasurer from 1968 to 1973. But for his dedication, the society might well have foundered in its early years. He was also instrumental in setting up the Council of Science and Technology Institutes, a forum for the presidents and chief executives of scientific

institutes and societies. Until his health failed, Cohen was an active member, and one-time secretary of the Physical Society Club. The club, with limited member-ship, was established by Rutherford, W. L. and W. H. Bragg and others in 1921, and condinues to this day the tradition of discussing recent develop-ments in physics over and after a fine dinner.

Louis Cohen was educated at Manchester Central High School, read physics at the University of Manchester and Imperial College, London, where he obtained his PhD. From 1953 to 1963 he was a research physicist with Si-mon-Carves and from 1963 to 1966 he worked as research manager for Pyrotenax in Newcastle upon Tyne. He was elected a member of the Instirute of Physics in 1949 and a fellow in 1956; in 1963 he was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts.

He retired as executive secretary of the Institute of Physics in 1990, by which time he was confined to a wheelchair. He bore multiple disabilities with a grace and cheerfulness that earned the respect and admiration of all who knew him. A mere ten days before he dieci many of his friends and former colleagues enjoyed his company and good humour at an Institute of Physics dinner.

Since restirement, he had relied heavily on the willing help of his so.n Jonathan, who transported him to various engagements. Jon's dedication to his father's meeds ensured that Cohen was still able to participate in many activities. particularly those associated with physics.

Cohen maintainer a lifelong connection with Manchester as a corresponding mumber of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society's which at one time he had been secretary. He had an abiding interest in classical music, opera and the theatre.

He is survived by his wife. Eve. 3 son and two daughter \$.



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VEXED QUESTION. The inhabitants of this peaceable

metropolis have of late been frightened half out of their wits by the vision of armed figures stalking about the streets at all hours of the night. London is not in a state of siege. From the Hampstead hills to the distant Tooting, from the toll-exacting bridge of Putney to the marine regions of Poplar and Shadwell, all is peace. The gusty patriotism of the specials and the well-drilled loyalty of the line have, in conjunction, of course, with the efforts of the regular police. clearly proved to the rabble of blackguards and maniacs who called themselves Chartists the mere inutility of their attempts to disturb the peace of the town. The ready response given by all classes of respectable citizens to the call when there was reasonable apprehension that the peace of the metropolis might be disturbed, the rigorous measures of the Government, backed as they were by the hearty support of both Houses of Parliament, and approved by the verdicts of various juries, have been not here repeat a string of common-

ON THIS DAY

August 7, 1848 **建建林建**

The worst of the Chartist risings were over, but not forgotten, as this leading article showed. It deals discopprovingly with the arming of the poilice, still a tricky question ISO years later.

sufficient to quell the hopes of disaffected and desperate men. Enough has been done. There is no reason why an attitude of hostility should be preserved which was clearly pointed against another order of things than that which actually obtains. We believe that the ordinary truncheon of the police constable and the regular jurisdiction of the police magistrates will be quite sufficient to maintain order in the streets. We will

preservation of good order in the streets of a large city densely thronged with men. For the sake, however, of the police themselves we regret that they should thus be taught to place reliance rather on the use of deadly weapons than upon the respect and terror their presence inspires in the minds of even the worst class of malefactors, because they are servants of the law. There exists now no reason for extraordinary precaution in the streets of London. We trust that the public and ordinary bearing of arms by the police force will be henceforth discontinued. We will not say that an addition of men to the police force is not necessary for the protection of life and property, but the Home Secretary who proposes such an addition is bound to make out a clear case of necessity, as under ordinary circumstances and in ordinary times. If the number of police be really insufficient for the safeguard of the town, there will be no difficulty in obtaining an increase.

places to show that an unarmed is preferable to an armed force for the

Bargains of the week — from flights to Shanghai via Vienna to a ten-day tour of Uzbekistan

HOLIDAYS

THE Italian cities of Venice, Assisi, Sorrento, Capri, Pompei, Rome and Florence are included in a Treasures of Italy tour from Archers Tours on August 24 for £435. Details: 0181-466 6745.

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Hotel, taxes and transfers. Details: 0990 673464. THERE are still vacancies on the Steppes East ten-day tour of Uzbekistan, leaving on September 26. Prices start at £1,560 a person and include lights, full-board accommo-

dation, transportation and

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Line. Departures are on Au-

gust 30 and September 6 and

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turn flights to Italy, all meals

and entertainment and cruis-

■ A WEEK in a Tyrolean pension from September 20 is available through Inghams for £172. Included are flights. transfers and bed and breakfast. Details: 0181-780 4448.



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> offering a free five-day cross-ing with P&O Ferries on Dover-Calais when booking a standard return fare on the route. Prices start at £110. Bookings by August 31. Details: 0990 000888.

> STENA Line has extended 50 per cent discounts for caravans and trailers until August 3i for its Stranger-Belfast route. Peak season prices start at £130 for a liveday return. Details: 0990 707070.

■ HOVERSPEED has return fares to Paris and Amsterdam from £49 combining coach and ferry travel from London. Child prices are from £42. Details: 0990 240241.



Horse-riding among the geysers, glaciers and volcanoes of northern Iceland during the September wild horse and sheep round-up is offered by the tour operator In the Saddle. Four nights cost £470. Flights from Heath-row cost about £285 extra. Details: 01256 851665

REGULAR charter flights to Zurich in September and October cost from £79 return. The Swiss surline Edelweiss operates six times a week from Luton and also provides business class seating from £119 return: Details: 0171-437

AUSTRIAN Airlines flights to Shanghai via Vienna cost £489 return for bookings made before August 15. Details: Lupus Travel 0171-306 3000.

EASYJET has reduced the starting price of its Luton to Amsterdam service from £35 to £29 while seats last. Details: 01582 700053.

VIRGIN Atlantic has a siness-class spouse fare to Johannesburg of £1,207 for passengers paying the full price of £2,414. Depart before August 31. Details: 01293 147141.

CUT-PRICE airline Amer ica West has a useful £110 fare covering Los Angeles to Las Vegas to San Francisco for those visiting the West coast. Details: 01483 440490.

RATES at the Metropolitan Hotel, Park Lane, have been reduced until the end of this month to £195 a room a night, including English breakfast for a city view and E235 for a

park view. A two-night stay is required. Details: 0171-447 THE four-star Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne, has a 20 per cent discount over the August Bank Holiday week-end. Price, available through

Superbreaks Mini-Holidays,

is £44 a person a night including breakfast and dinner. Details: 0161-238 5257. THREE nights for the price of two is available this month, at the four-star President WIC

Hotel, Brussels. The offer, through Belgian Travel Service, costs E223 a person including flights. Details: 01992 456156. FOLLOW the Jane Auster

trail around Hampshire with the help of Audleys Wood Hotel, near Basingstoke. A two-night weekend break costs £148 a person and includes dinner, picnic lunch and maps with relevant historical details around the Austen haunts. Details: 01256 817555.

GOLDENRAIL has a special weekday offer this month to see the musical Jesus Christ Superstar at the Lyceum and spend one night at the Grafton Hotel in central London. Cost is from E69 a person. Details: 0161-238 5206.

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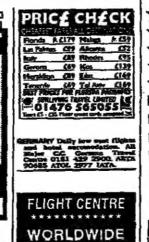












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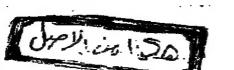
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Caravanners conquer Europe

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

THOUSANDS of adventur-Caravan holidays are also ous British caravan owners attracting specialist groups. are driving in convoy deep. So focused mars based on into Eastern Europe as the wine tasting, bird-watching. So "focused tours" based on renaissance of mobile holifishing and nature study are days gathers pace. also being arranged through-The number of caravans on out much of Europe.

the roads of Britain and

Europe is rising fast, after a rigge of interest in caravans and trailers. They are now more sophisticated and humani-

ous, attracting high spending tourists prepared to venture beyond the traditional British

campsites and those of the

The Camping and Caravan-ning-Club is now offering to escort caravanners on guided

tours to Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic, and de-

mand has been so great that

more tours are being arranged through the Club's Carefree

Bob Stanton of the Camping

and Caravanning Club, says: "At first, we offered one tour to

Poland this year. But it was so over-subscribed that we had to

An inclusive package to central and southern Poland

- including return ferry cross-

ing, insurance, 14-day camp-

size accommodation, a guide,

sightseeing and some evening

meals - costs £766 for two

people and their caravan. The

company's new brochure has

holidays in 112 camping and caravanning sites in 14 Euro-pean countries.

BLOODY, anti-government demon-

strations and rising violence in Nairobi have failed to deter British holiday-

makers from visiting Kenya, which is

attracting more visitors from the UK

than ever. Some tour operators say

that bookings are up by as much as 40

per cent on last year, and Kenya's tourist-office expects 11,000 additional

visitors from the UK this year, up ten

Sammy Kibt, deputy director of the Kenya National Tourist Office for the UK and Ireland, says: So far, charter

eekly charter from Manchester, until

Tour operators received several calls from worried clients last month after

ere were no cancellations.

Decian Morton, product manager of Hayes & Jarvis, says: The demonstra-

tions have been confined to a small

area in Nairobi, so holidaymakers are

not in any danger. Most of our clients fly direct to Mombasa, anyway.

slowed down right after newspaper

reports of the protests, but have since

Jane Thornton, Kuoni's senior-prod-

Prices start at £469 for seven nights

Encouraged by this year's strong

half-board at a coastal resort, and

about £1,000 for a week-long safari — about two thirds the price of a similar

uct manager, says: "We are having an excellent year. Safaris have been very. successful, probably because Kenya has had positive publicity on wilding programmes on TV.

He adds that bookings for Kenya

outbreak of violence in Nairobit, but on the coast.

per cent on 1996.

the end of October.

bounced back. .

holiday in Zimbabwe

Travel Service

THE FIMES TEREDAY AUGUST 7 1997

The strong pound and ready availability of ferry and Channel Tunnel crossings to mainland Europe are mainly responsible for the growing number of caravans heading-for the Confinent. But it reflects a general improvement

in the health of the industry.

Sales of touring caravans are rising for the first time in eight years, and membership of the Camping and Caravaning Club has risen by 30 per cent over the past five years. It now has 276,800 members, the highest number in its 96-year

Tony Hailey, chairman of the Tourer Marketing Bureau, says: The tourer industry has turned the corner, and the popularity of caravanning is rising." Even so, the number of families owning tourer caravans is still about 150,000 less than its peak of 20 years ago, when 650,000 were on the roads.

Though caravans are now far better equipped — many have central heating flush lavatories and fully equipped kitchens - prices have stabilised or even dropped. A touring caravan now costs. between £7,000 and £20,000.

demand for Kenya, Kuoni has expand-

ed its product range for 1998, when it will be offering the first seven-night all-inclusive safari, with all meals, drinks and game drives thrown in.

Shorter safaris are proving more popular for first-time visitors seeking a

beach holiday with a taste of the bush

thrown in Several tour operators now

offer one-day to three-night salaris as an extension to beach holidays, costing

from £265. Inspirations has introduced a family safari holiday for mext year that offers shorter game drives and

filer and next year. It has added the

African Dream Village and Tropical

Village in Malindi and the Silver

Beach Hotel on Bamburi Beach, both

Kenya may lose business from

couples planning to marry abroad, however, since the Government's deci-

sion to increase wedding administra-tion fees by £100 to £150. Kuoni, one of

the biggest tour operators organising weddings in Kenya, says it had been given just 24 hours notice of the rise.

Ms Thornton says. "It was our third or

fourth most popular destination for

couples getting married, but now the cost is too high.

The Federation of Tour Operators

(FTO), which represents the UK's major travel companies, wrote last

month to the Kenya National Tourist

Office for clarification of legal fees, but

Alan Flook, the FIO's secretary-general, says: "If Kenya wants to benefit from this market, it cannot

it is still awaiting a reply.

raise fees at such short notice."

This will kill weddings in Kenya."

suit young children.

BY LINSEY MCNEELL.

flights and hotels have been fully more free time between excursions to booked.2

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To soak up demanding erg a flights — Compos has doubled its number of to Mombasa, on Kenya's east coast. All inclusive properties in its Distant

Caledonian Airways has added a Dreams brockers for the coming

and the biggest demand is from people aged between 45

The industry has done much to improve facilities on campsites throughout both Britain and Europe, while pressing for access to more remote fields for those seeking a quiet holiday.

As a result, the network

owned by the Camping and Carvanning Club has had its busiest year ever, with occupancy up by more than 5 per cent on the previous record



We're a great big convoy: caravan companies increasingly cater for specialist groups

ornish cope with crush

NOT everyone will rejoice that the British taste for curavan holidays has taken

another swerve out of the slow West Country tourism offi-

cers said yesterday that the area is "heaving" with every caravan site fully booked. Cornish farmers are taking advantage of the rule, which allows them to open up as caravan sites for 28 days without planning permission. However, some caravanners are not booking in advance and end up camping in lay-

being used for camping that have not been used for years.

Riots fail to harm Kenya tours

Last Friday the tourist information centre had 1,800 visitors seeking somewhere to

This sector of the holiday market has grown so much that some areas are designated Tourism Restraint Areas. In 1992 John Williams was so angry at being stuck be-hind a caravan that he founded the Anti-Caravan Club. proposing that a dawn to dusk curiew be imposed on

their movements. "Yes, we probably do have more than most areas," said the man from the Devon van can slow you down as much as 20 caravans." Bob Stanton, of the Campand Caravan Club, is and tow bars. doing his best to change the perception that his 280,000

members are the monsters of the motorways. The club has been going since 1901 and has as its patron the Duke of Edinburgh - who, while seldom seen vanning down along the Cornish Riviera, is often seen as a hazard driving a horse

and carriage.
"We hold courses on safety, behaviour and manoeuvres."

police forces have asked us for our guidance literature. This covers speed, weight, cornering, hill starts, braking, instabiliry, tiredness, mirrors, tyres

our message through that caravans are safe. Accidents are extremely rare and the number has gone down every year for the past five years." A Devon & Cornwall police spokesman confirmed that police will be continuing their

To find out more about

"We think we are getting

operator brings costs tumbling down. Try booking a hotel room as an individual — especially policy of stopping caravans for random safety checks. at peak times, for example or finding a seat to almost any Mediterranean resort.

caravan safety, contact the Camping and Caravan Club on 01203 694995.

Elvis fans flock to Memphis

RECORD numbers of British Elvis fans are heading for Memphis for next week's special 20th anniversary celebrations to commemorate his death.

Arena Travel of Felixstowe travel agent of the UK's official Elvis Presley Fan Club since before the star died, is sending 1,200 British fans - the largest group ever - to Tennessee's week-long celebrations, which culminate

British tour operators, including Kuoni Travel and Virgin Holidays report increased demand because of

Elvis fans holidaying in Orlando have been able to combine their vacation with a trip to Memphis next week. TicketShop USA, which specialises in American holidays. has organised a two-night trip from Oriando to Memphis at £229 a head.

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

kind of short-haul holidaymaker who wants a bargain price but has plenty of spare cash to spend freely on

entertainment, drinks and food while away. Thomson is convinced that these holidaymakers also want to feel different from other package tourists and will be prepared to pay extra to do so. So the company is offering private taxis, rather than a coach, to

they claim, are no longer

prepared to be herded to-

gether, but are insisting on

striking out on their own.

making their own airline and hotel bookings and be-coming free independent

To a limited extent - for

those who can afford both

the time and the money to

find that special hideaway in

Tuscany or idyllic hotel in

Polynesia, and the airline to

get them there - that may be

But for nine million Brit-

ons a year, a package is still

the only way to go on

holiday. Not only is the or-

ganisation of transport and

accommodation done by

someone else but the buy-

ing power of the tour

The problems involved in do-

ing it yourself are obvious.

The package holiday is still very much alive, but is

changing dramatically. There will always be de-

mand for the simple package

- the cheap deal, chosen from a brochure or from

Teletext, offering a flight and

room-only accommodation in a busiling "Blackpool on

But now there is a new

the Med" resort.

Packages offer bespoke tours Sceptics have been mourning the "death of the package holiday" for as long as I can remember. Real tourists.

and champagne on arrival at a price. Though the scheme has only just been launched. executives are convinced that within a few years up to half

one of these flexible options. The recent development of all-inclusive resorts - from Spain to the West Indies has enabled visitors to tell in advance exactly how much

their holiday will cost.
Research by British Airways Holidays, which specialises in long-haul destinations, showed that only a third of clients took the exact holiday advertised in a brochure. More than 60 per cent wanted to change it, either by using different hotels or flights and generally wanting to make the package fit their requirements. Now the company is offering to "mix and match."

Saga, which is constantly forced to adapt to meet the demands of their older, welltravelled - and wealthy clients, has introduced the "add-on" concept. A core holiday of any length can be extended by short visits to other destinations nearby, organised as the travellers

ruising is probably the ultimate package holiday. Both Thomson and Airtours, its arch rival, are developing their fleets of highly sophisticated ships at prices which are falling fast.

More than 60 per cent of the new generation of younger package holidaymakers spends a week at sea followed by a week in a hotel.

This, then, is the future of package holiday - flexible, all-inclusive, exotic and still a heck of a lot cheaper than

in a candlelit vigil on August TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

 Victoria Falls, right, and the Zambezi national park

 Roger Berthoud returns to South Korea after 40 years

Cycling the Ring of Kerry

Walking in Tuscany

Napoleon's Elba



'Chiantishire' now offers value for all

THIS IS the second year that Tony Blair and his family have headed for "Chianti-shire", and the surrounding hills are filled with European leaders and some of Britain's wealthiest and most influential families. But tourist operators and

officials are eager to spite its upmarket image, offers a wide range of holidays.
The pound's strength is also

playing a part in ensuring that holidaymakers enjoy, a better deal when it comes to and cheapest meals and local ordering from the menu and wine list in restaurants. Yet even in peak season, tourism has not spoilt the friendly welcome that per-

suades visitors to return again and again to the historic towns and cities of this region. A. meal, or even a snack, in the





breathtaking centre of a beautiful main square can, however, come at a premium. So the cost-conscious soon learn to follow the locals to the best wines in side-street res-

taurants. The affordable lire means that prices are little different from those of the UK; a threecourse meal for two with wine costs about £25, a pint of beer £2.20 and a multi-flavoured ice cream less than a pound.

If the dramatic architecture and narrow cobbled streets of towns such as Siena and San Gimignano should pall, some of Italy's most glorious countryside is on the doorstep. A wildlife area and a Pinocchio park are within easy reach of the town, so youngsters will find plenty to occupy them. There are also countless medieval towns and ancient vil-



lages clinging to mountains topped with fortress towers. For many, the sunshine and shopping are the draw. But part of the appeal is the unhurried pace of life and the chance to step back in time to a region where people still pause to chat.

An Italiatours spokeswoman says: The strong pound has made Italy the best deal for Britons for about ten years in terms of enjoying extra value. Where it was once seen as a older person's destination, Tuscany's appeal has now widened. Many more people of all ages enjoy the region's history and the cul-

> days, they are looking for something extra." A week in Tuscany by air. including hotel accommodation and visits to Florence and Siena, costs from £499.

ture. After years of beach holi-

Big perks for small firms

Masai: the ancient traditions of Kenya are still drawing the tourists

By CATHERINE CHETWYND

A SERVICE aimed at small businesses has been launched by business travel agent Hogg Robinson BTI. Business Travel Direct allows small, independent companies to share some of the advantages enjoyed by large corporations. such as greater purchasing

Paul Reeve, divisional manager of Hogg Robinson. says: Of the five million small companies registered in the UK, around one million have staff who travel regularly. These represent 20 per cent of the total business travel market, which is worth some £6 million in airline tickets

alone." Hogg Robinson started to analyse the small companies market around 15 months ago and discovered that most of them rended to buy their tickets from high street leisure

hops. "We were not making it easy for them," said Mr Reeve. "We impose credit vetting, minimum turnover requirements and do not even have a separate listing in Yellow

Business Travel Direct prorides access to the discounted air fares and hotel rates enjoyed by larger clients such as the BBC, Coopers & Lybrand and Merrill Lynch. "In addition to financial advantages, the high street travel agent is not in a position to provide our back-up services, such as passport and visa procurements, foreign ex-

change and 24-hour emergen-

cy assistance 365 days a year,"

said Mr Reeve. Other benefits include chauffeur parking at Heath-row, Gatwick and Manchester airports; mobile phone rentals, international calling cards and home delivery. Tony Hughes, chairman of

the Guild of Business Travel Agents, supports the move."It is always in a client's best interest to deal with a specialist," he said. "And a company should not be put off because it is small. There is always a business travel agent to deal with their business."

Although only 43 agents are registered with the GBTA, 80 per cent of business travel from the UK is booked through its members.

Hogg Robinson is also teaming up with banks, providing services to smaller companies with corporate cards through a special number. Business Travel Direct can be reached on 0990 673048.



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■ The Government was accused of taking the first step towards regional variations in welfare payments after a senior minister floated plans to give local benefit offices control of their own budgets.

Frank Field, the Social Security Minister brought into the Government to overhaul the £2 billion-a-week welfare bill, said that by devolving power from the Social Security Department to the 500 local offices, savings from the benefits bill could be paid to schools and hospitals......Page 1

Rain washes out holidays

■ Torrential rain disrupted traffic and rail services, persuading thousands of families to abandon their holidays. In some places three inches of rain - more than the average for the

Gunman kills boy

A boy aged five was killed by a gunman wearing a motorcycle crash helmet, apparently in a contract killing that went wrong. His father is believed to have been the Page 1

Wife's jet horror

A woman who had nine relatives on the Korean Air jet which crashed onto a Guam mountainside has told how she lost her husband in Korea's last airlinePages 1, 9 disaster

Adams meeting

Mo Mowlam held her first faceto-face meeting with a Sinn Fein delegation that included the MPs Gerry Adams, Martin Mc-Guinness and a convicted IRA gunrunnerPage 2

CJD warning A leading expert on Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has warned of a

growing sense of complacency over the chances of a major epidemicPage 2 Churchman killed

A churchman has been killed and

his wife seriously injured in a late-night robbery as they returned from delivering aid toPage 3 Romania

Student's tragedy

A student who fooled his parents into thinking he had won a place at a technical college committed

MP's smear claim

Irene Adams, whose fellow Labour MP Gordon McMaster committed suicide, says she will name those behind a smear campaign against him. She urges others to follow her leadPage 4

Stav-at-homes

More men in their late twenties and early thirties are still living at home. Later marriages and parenthood and more higher education are thought to be among the reasons....

Fees challenge

An education lawyer says that students committed to a "gap year" will be able to bring a case against the Government to claim exemption from university course lees in 1998

Jaded Pakistan

As Pakistan nears its fiftieth anniversary, a third of its people, weary of a corrupt democracy, say they favour a return to Page 8 dictatorship Jobless Germans

German unemployment remains

stubbornly high, putting pressure on Chancellor Kohl's monetary union plans and on Bundesbank interest rates.....

'Vultures of violence'

Madeleine Albright is to try to kick-start the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process. She consuicide rather than tell them the demned "the vultures ofPage 3 violence ...

Cuisine in the school canteen

Boarding-school cuisine, long regarded as the lowest form of culinary life, may now match that of many top restaurants. The Egon Ronay Guide, in its first assessment of school dinners. found food at Uppingham School in Rutland, where a place at table (plus education) costs £12.750 a year, far removed from the semolina-and-stodge image...



Lisa Potts, the Wolverhampton nursery nurse who warded off a machete attacker, preparing for a holiday DJ role on local radio

BUSINESS

Prudential: The insurance giant has raised its provision for pensions-misselling compensation from £240m to £450m to speed up the review process Page 21

Wickes: The do-it-yourself retailer that discovered a £51 million hole in its accounts last year is suing two former bosses to recover £136,000 in bonus payments Page 21

Woolwich: The building society turned bank said it would not shelter behind legal protection if a large enough bid is made Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 65.6 points to close at 5026.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 105.7 to 103.9 after a fall from \$1.6268 to \$1.6020 and from DM3.0564 to DM3.0023 __Page 24 | scored 340 ___

SPORT

Cricket: England will be without their most effective bowler, Darren Gough, because of a knee injury for the fifth Test against Australia at Trent Bridge Page 40
Athletics: Sally Gunnell withdrew from the world championships 400 metres hurdles semi-final in Athens after a calf strain in the first

Footbell: Paolo Di Canio, the Italian striker, completed a £4.5 million transfer from Celtic to Sheffield Wednesday, a record for the Yorkshire club..... Page 40

round.

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Record score: Sri Lanka scored 952 for six in the first Test against India in Colombo, the highest total made by any country in Test cricket. Sanath Jayasuriya ..Page 37

Gray's anatomy: Life Support is one of Simon Gray's strongest exercises in sardonic tragedy, deftly directed by Harold Pinter and

with a fine performance by

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Alan BatesPage 29 Movie magicien: The Edinburgh Film Festival is showcasing Edgar G. Ulmer, who made 128 movies from 1929 to 1965, most of them on

a shoestring...... Page 30 Still life: The pianist Andras Schiff will play musical chairs at the Edinburgh Festival when he plays Bach and Bartók back to back in

the Usher Hall Page 30 Been speaks: Best of the week's new cinema releases is Bean, in which Rowan Atkinson is let loose with a priceless painting in Los Angeles - and speaks Page 31

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TOMORROW

EDUCATION **David Charter reports** on the highs and lows of a school As the latest terrorist-bomber expedition to Ecuador

■ POP **Edinburgh starts** becomes the Fringe's second biggest art form

Another McCartney: She has made

it in her own right, but Heather McCartney knows the drawbacks of being a superstar's child. Noreen Taylor talks to Sir Paul's adopted daughter___ Page 12

Speaking out: Any conspiracy of silence in the search for a CJD cure will cost lives, says Dr Thomas .Page 13 Stuttaford.

Best buys: A ten-day tour of Uzbekistan; Shanghai return for £500; a week in a Tyrolean pension for less than £200, including flights - plus

On the road again: Thousands of adventurous British caravan owners are driving in convoy deep into ... Page 19 Eastern Europe ...

Getting religion: Roger Scruton on Don Cupiti's After God and Fiona Pitt-Kethley on Lucinda Jarrett's Stripping in Time: A History of Erotic Dancing Pages 32, 33

arrest in New York has Americanscontemplating protective and punitive measures, Italian legislators seem to be following the lead of their German neighbours and con-sidering the possibility of pardoning hundreds of terrorists who disrupted the country for 20 years.

Preview: Long-held dinosnar theo. ries are being challenged in Mongolia: Secrets of the Gobi Desert (Channel 4, 9pm)

Heview: Joe Joseph on a bad end in a joyless cult Pages 38, 39

German gridlock In Europe, Chancellor Kohl still plays the man of destiny; but at home, he has never seemed less

securely in charge Page 15

The gap trap

It would seem a breach of natural justice - and possibly of stame law - if students who sought deferred entry in 1998 were to suffer. financial penalty Page 15

Sour grapes

A glass of white wine is increasing. ly part of the pub round. The chances are that the white wine will be warm and the red sour Page 15

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

One can no more imagine Peter May wearing Disneyland pyjamas to caper about under the spotlights than one can imagine Wins Churchill wearing a baseball ca with his name on it Page 14

MICHAEL GOVE Mo Mowlam's meeting with Gerry Adams was genuinely historic. It was not a breakthrough to a new era, but an eeric reiteration of policies past. The twin follies to which both parties have subscribed snitbewitch today Page 14

JOHN BRYANT It should be the classic case of athletics "coming home". Years the world championships opened in Atheris in a massive new stallium nobody, it seems, had bothered to tell the Greek public that they were supposed to be part of the a

Brigadier Denis Esmonde White: Lauis Cohen, physicist Chuck Wayne, jazz guitarist Page !7

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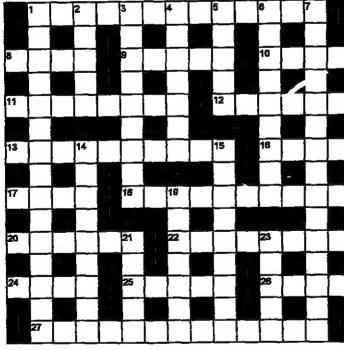
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ACROSS

Spiritualist aimed to reverse pos-ition (4,3,6).

8 Head's drug-taking veto (4).

9 Easy to understand where mass has been lost in body fat (5).

10 Set of school classes in revolutionary period (4). 11 Unsophisticated detective's left

nissing joke (8). 12 Girl-friend coming in ready to go

13 Recess over, mostly bored, put one's foot in it (10).

16 Eat noisily, with a measure of 17 Shaped hairstyle, for a change (4).

18 Being well off the roadway, child's play takes precedence (4.6). 20 Emotional tug of leaving St. Paul's, say? (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,551

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22 Mass movement gained us representation (5,3).

24 Mysterious creature of very great height (4).

25 Claim that one was seen off the premises (5).

26 Bitter taste from this beer, having collected round (4). 27 Crook goes regularly into these police files (6,7).

1 Damaged, so better suit not to be used? (3.5,3,4).

2 In the height of fashion, new line of merchandise (5). 3 American native in wood cooked

turde pie (5,4). 4 Get person to box, when decision on points is needed (7)-5 Heights of Peruvian desolation?

6 is one in order to preach? Yes and по (3,6). 7 Go through formalities to accept

pound note changing money (5,2.8). 14 Water spirit losing footing in a marsh that's overflowing (9).

15 Vital troops protecting one line in support of German city (9). 19 Mounting scaffold (7).

21 Throw hard over part of roof? Not 23 Part of barrel taverner's opening in bar (5).

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General: southwest England and South Wates will have a scattering of showers but these should die out later. The rest of the UK will be dry with clear spells, although the east coast may turn mistly and cloud will build in northwest Scotland with perhaps some light rain. ☐ Central N England: a fine warm day with plenty of sunshine. A light east wind. Max 23C (73F). Max 23C (73F).

| Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orlaney, Shetland: early cloud and mist, then warm and survey. A light southeast wind. Max 24C (75F).

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Cloud building in the northwest late light southeast wind. Max 22C (72F). Channel Islee, SW England, S Wales: warm with surmy spells, the odd heavy shower. Wind light, northeast. Max Outlook: hot and dry with plenty of sunshine in most parts. However, rain will move across Scotland and Northern Ireland later on Friday and Saturday. ☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake Dis-trict, Isle of Men: a fine warm day with

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